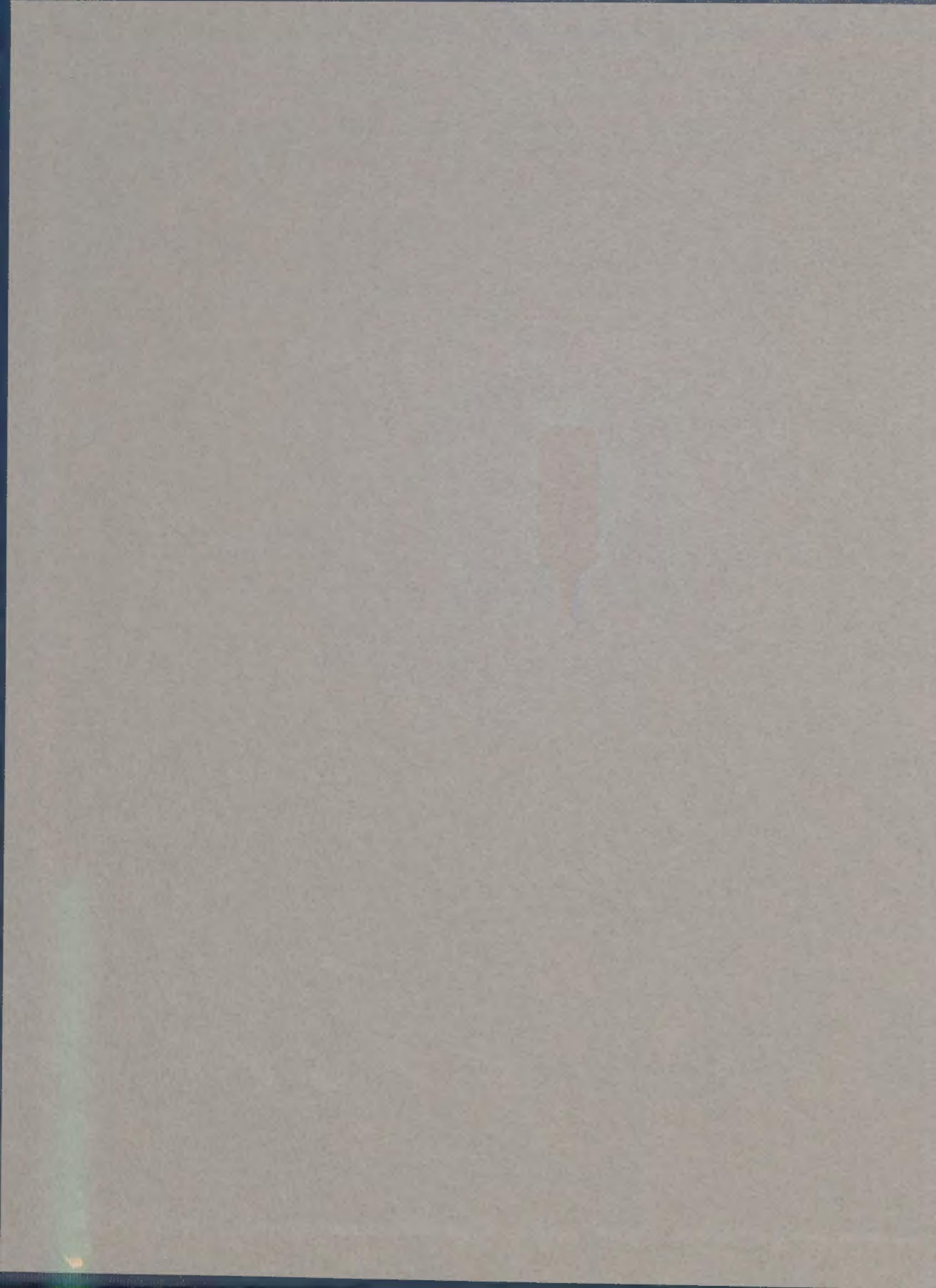
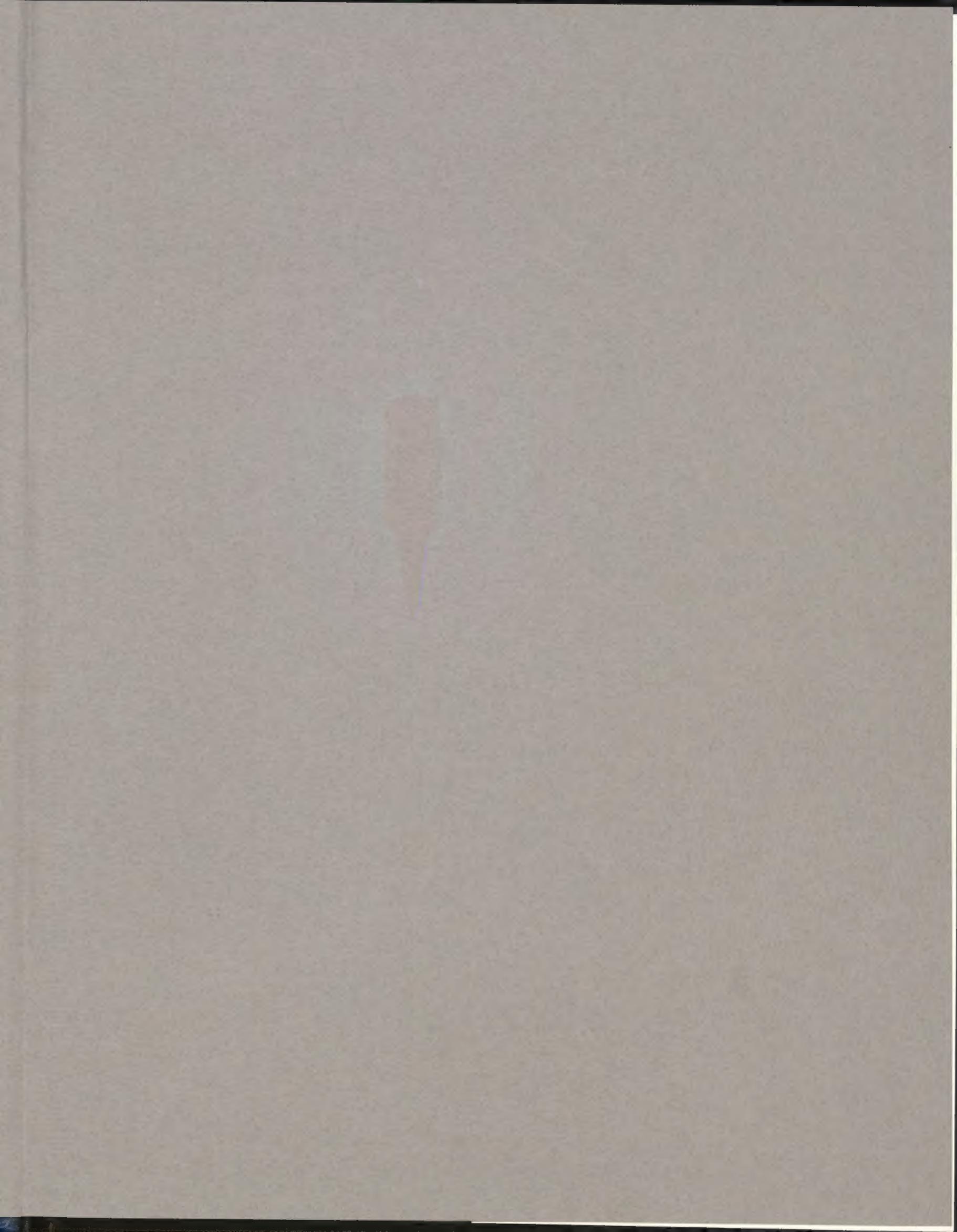
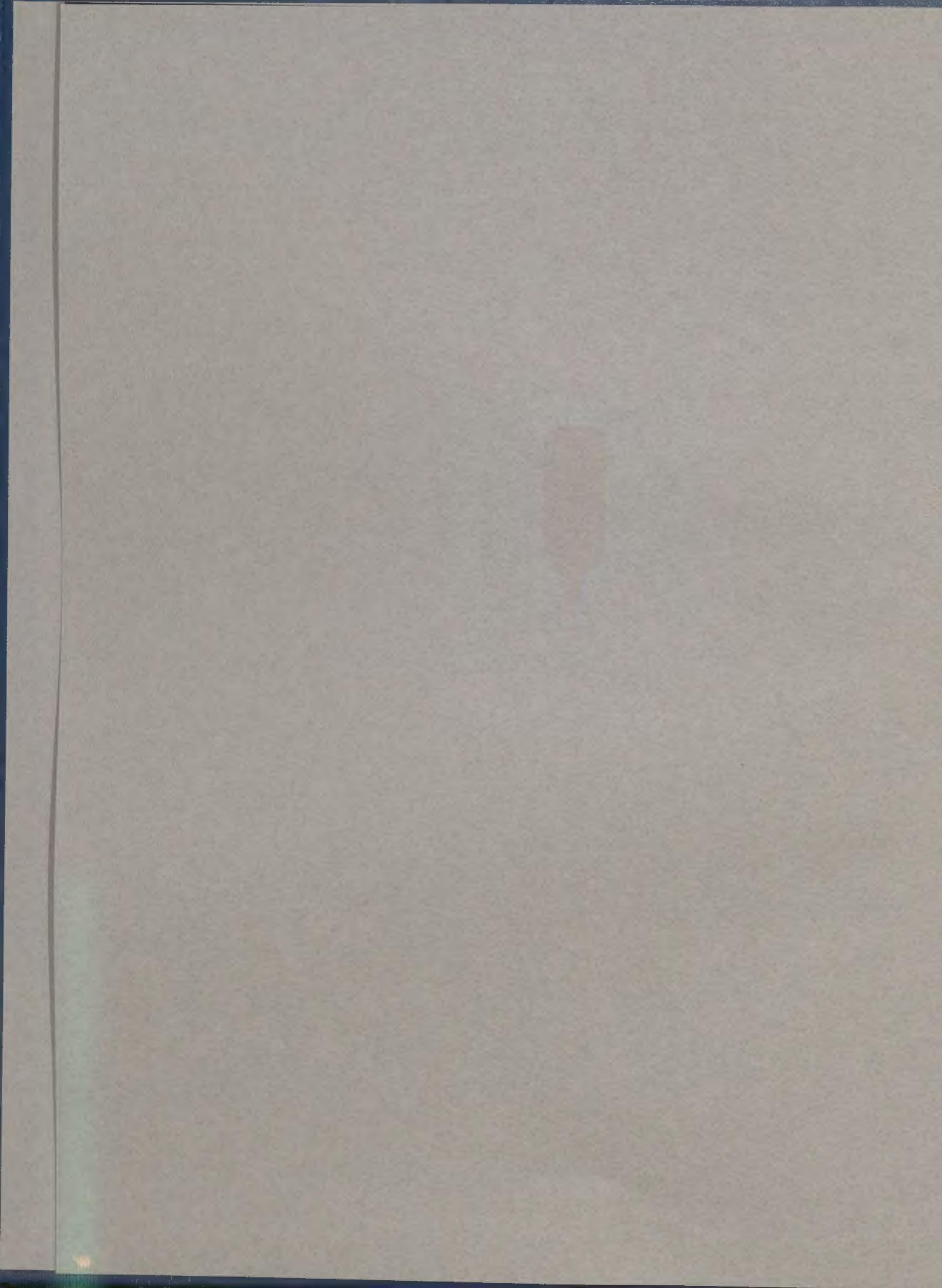


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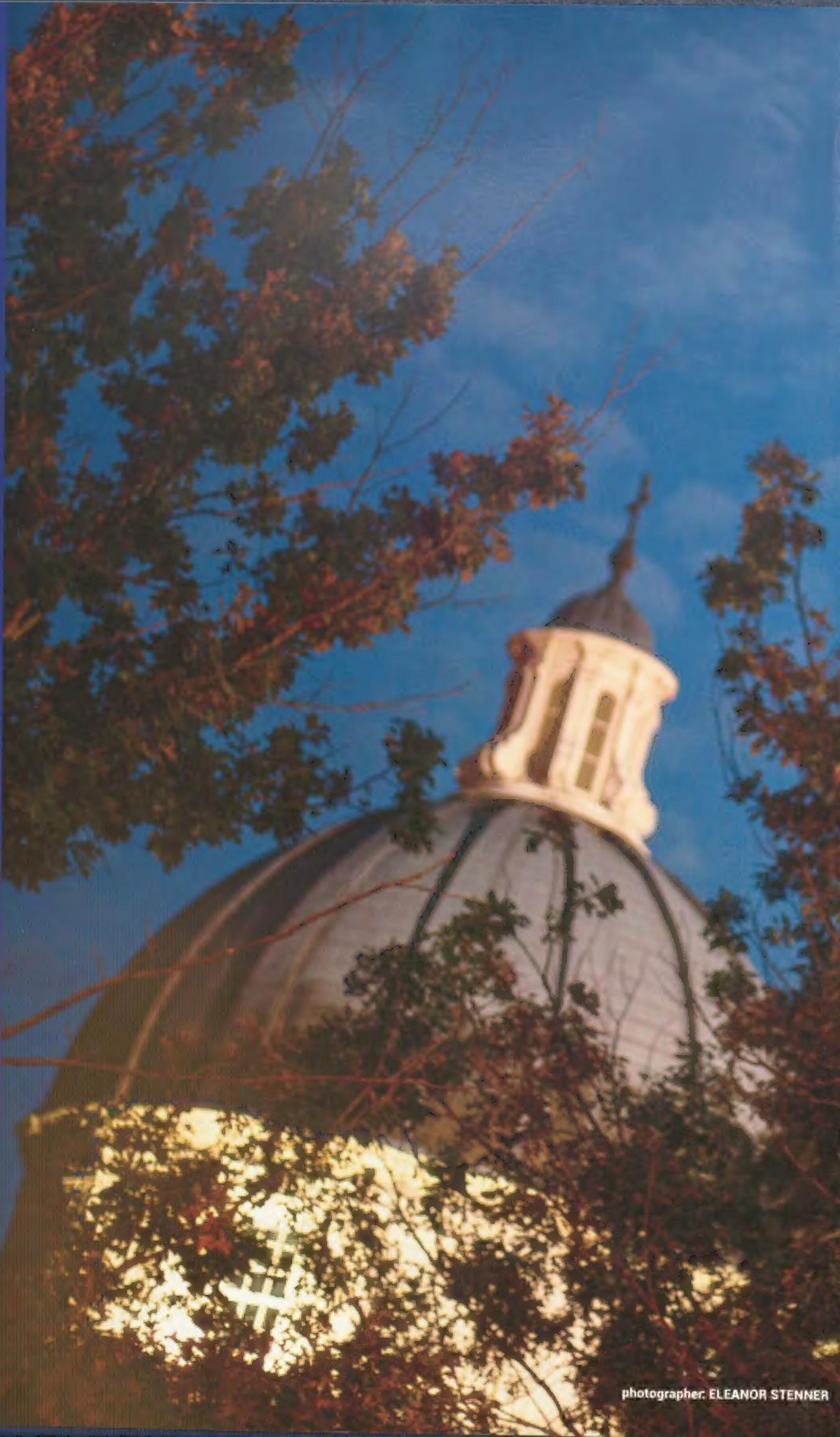
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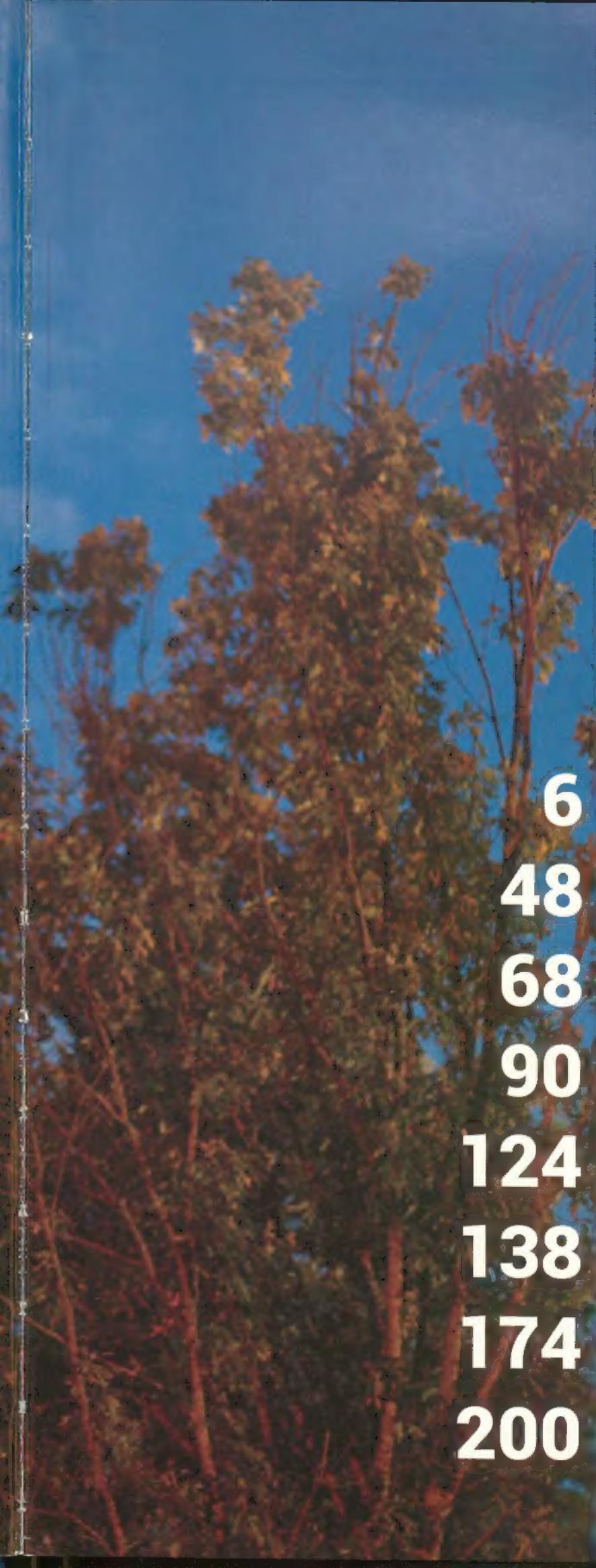
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# Oh, Samford Alma Mater true

Her halls shall ever ring,  
With sounding glories of the past  
With plans and future dreams.  
On knowledge that we seek, O Lord,  
We pray thy blessings true.  
With pride we pledge our hearts and minds,  
To the Samford *Red and Blue*.

by ALLISON KLAUBERT, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

No doubt if you're holding this book, Samford University holds a dear place in your heart. This school has a way of making you fall in love with it within moments of driving onto campus.

Whether your Samford story started 4 months ago, 4 years ago or 4 decades ago, Entre Nous provides a look back at the 2013-2014 school year from all facets—Academics, Athletics, Arts, Faith, Greek Life and Samford Life.

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*Samford, we're all for you. And we love you, too!*

# Samford life





Fight, Fight, Fight, for Samford Bulldogs,  
Go onward to victory.  
Oh, we'll wear the red and blue,  
*Samford, we're all for you  
and we love you, too!*

Fight, Fight, Fight, for Samford Bulldogs,  
Go onward to victory.  
Oh, we'll give a cheer  
or two, Samford, we're all for you . . .  
Fight! Fight! Fight!

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## **Increased snake population causes one student bite**

*October 2, 2013*

# **Samford gets ready for first Homecoming Ball**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2013**

by EMMA CRIST, Samford University

Students have something new to look forward to during Homecoming week this year. Samford will host its first Homecoming Ball in Seibert Gym on Nov. 14 from 8 to 11 p.m.

The attire for the ball is formal. Men should wear a suit or tuxedo, and women should wear formal dresses. Tickets for the event are \$10 each and are available for purchase on Portal. Tickets will be charged to the student's account.

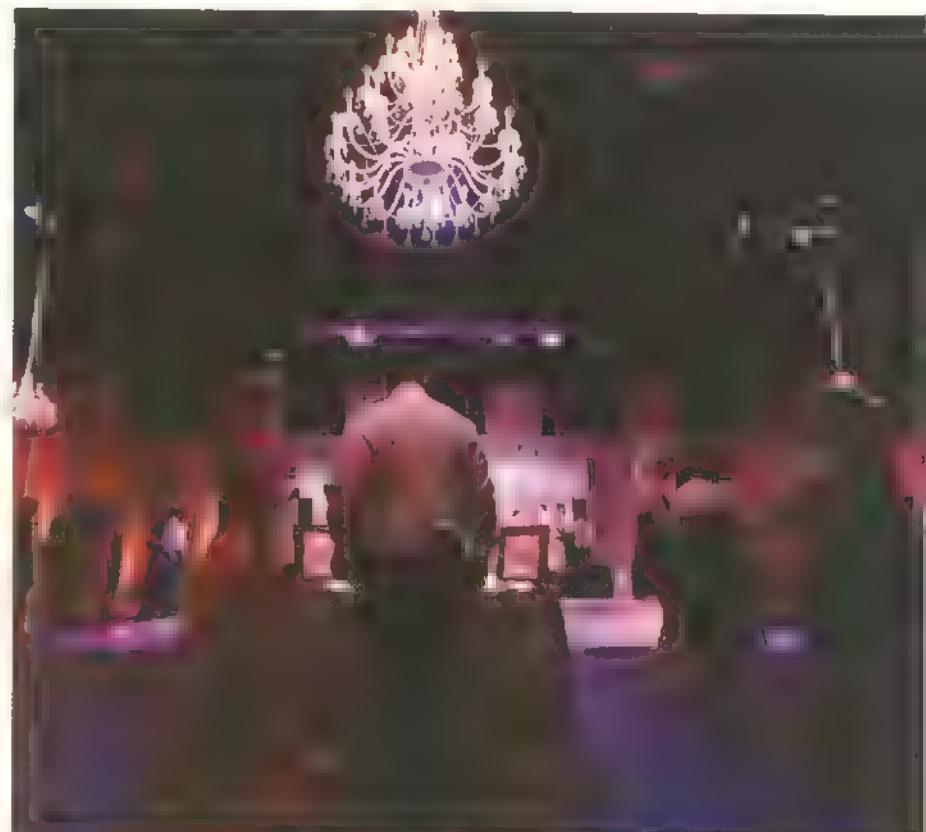
Beth Roller, director of student activities and campus events, is one of the ball's organizers

"Ever since I came to work at Samford, students have been mentioning they want an all-campus dance. Homecoming seemed like a great opportunity to bring the student body together to celebrate Samford, so that's why we decided to pair the ball and Homecoming together," Roller said.

Roller said she understands many students' hesitation about the event being held in Seibert, but she said it will not look or feel like a high school dance. To plan the event, Samford has hired Birmingham based Kathy G. and Company, Inc. to transform the space into a grand ballroom. The end result will be an atmosphere of elegance and sophistication.

Samford hired St. Paul and the Broken Bones to play during the swing-dancing portion of the event. The band includes a few Samford alumni. At 10 p.m. a disc jockey will take over for the last hour.

At the dance there will be a dessert bar complete with cake pops, cheesecake, a chocolate fountain and Samford-themed desserts.



# **Students cautious about printing allowances after policy**

OCTOBER 23, 2014

By EMILY GUNN

After a trial period designed to reduce the costs on university-provided printing, Samford has put ink to paper and implemented monetary limits.

From January 2010 through Spring 2013, Samford allowed each student to print 500 single-sided pages per half year though, with no penalty for prints exceeding the allowance. Beginning in July 2013, students who exceed the allowance now are required to pay for additional prints – \$.10 per black and white page and \$ 25 per color page.

A university-wide email sent in May 2013 notified students of the new policy, a budget-minded and environmentally conscious effort of Samford's Responsible Printing Initiative to reduce waste and expense.

# **Snow strands students, faculty, staff on campus**

JANUARY 28, 2014

By ZACH BROWN

Following today's more than 2-inch accumulation snowfall, Samford faculty and staff plan to spend the night in offices and campus buildings. The inclement weather and hazardous road conditions barred many students, professors and administrators from leaving campus after the university closed at 11 a.m.

On-campus students are safe to remain in residence halls. Some commuter students are staying with friends or in Seibert gym on provided mattresses.

Faculty and staff plan to stay in their workplaces. Director of Broadcast Media Brad Radice says that he will be sleeping in his office in Samford Hall "for the sheer privacy."

"It took my wife about six hours to get all three of my kids rounded up, but they're all safe and that makes it a bit easier to decide to stay," Radice said.

Radice says that this is the second time he has been snowed in on campus; the first occurred in 1995 when he was an undergraduate.

Philosophy department Chair Dennis Sansom said, "I've been here 26 years and never seen anything like this. There've been many times when we couldn't come to school, but never something when we couldn't leave school."



news

# **Samford purchases Lakeshore office building**

March 5, 2014

# *Your School, Your City*



Photographs: TATE HOLCOMBE & CAITRIN WILLIAMS

**by ANNE HARRINGTON**

Once students moved back in and got settled in their new dorm rooms, everyone joined on the Quad for the fourth annual Your School, Your City concert.

The students enjoyed Dinner on the Dirt, as the Caf moved outside for dinner. After dinner, students entered the fair, which was sponsored by local vendors and on-campus clubs who provided free food, merchandise and coupons.

Once the sun set, the concert began. Tedashii opened the show, and LeCrae followed for the main event. Both artists performed original songs in their style of Christian rap and hip hop.

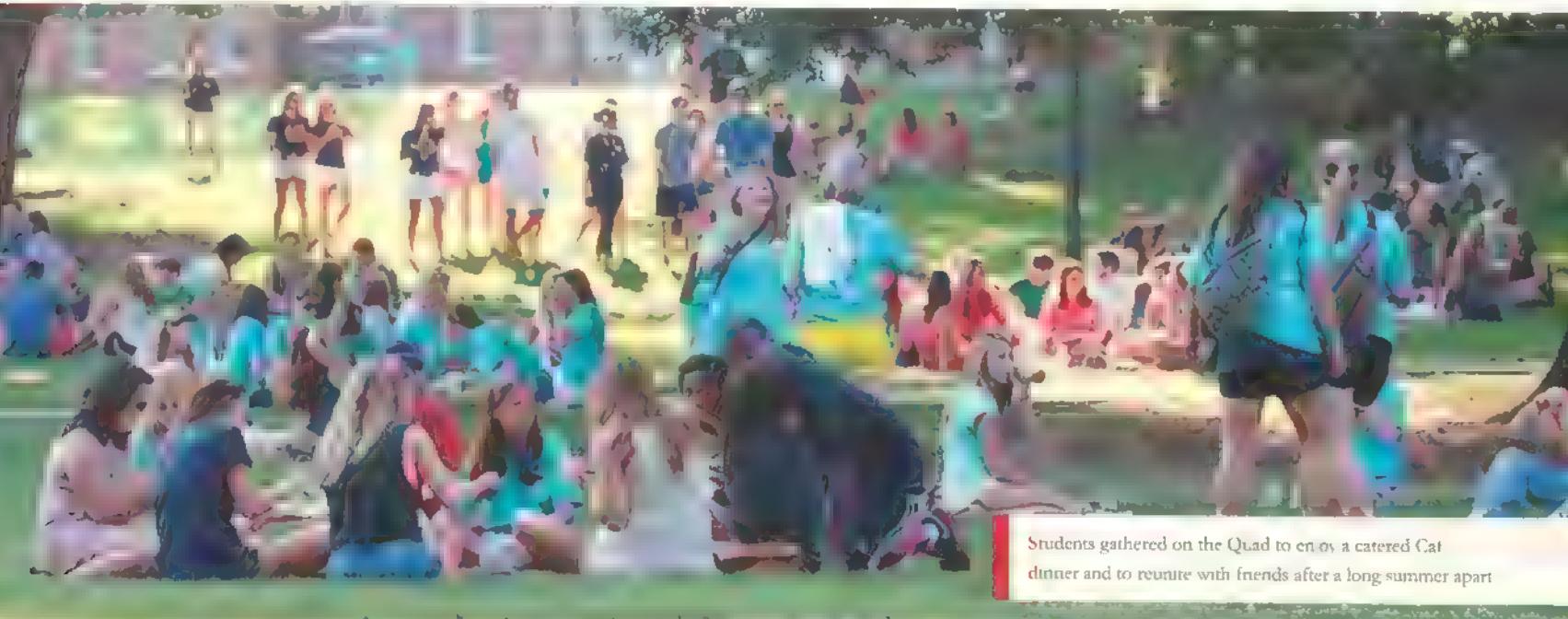
"I got to meet LeCrae and Tedashii before the concert, and they were so excited to be at Samford. I think it's great how we have had so many diverse artists and styles in the past few years," said Caroline Payne, a junior marketing major.

"I had never heard LeCrae before, but I had a blast seeing him live and getting to reunite with my friends that I had not seen over the summer. The audience seemed really into it," said Ashlyn Ward, a sophomore English and psychology major.

"There was an amazing atmosphere with a dash of super cool people where we all got to hang out and see each other for the first time since spring semester. Plus, there was some really good food," said Kyle Duncan, a senior geography major.

The concert could be heard from all over campus and students were inspired by the positive messages featured in contemporary music and the testimony that LeCrae shared.

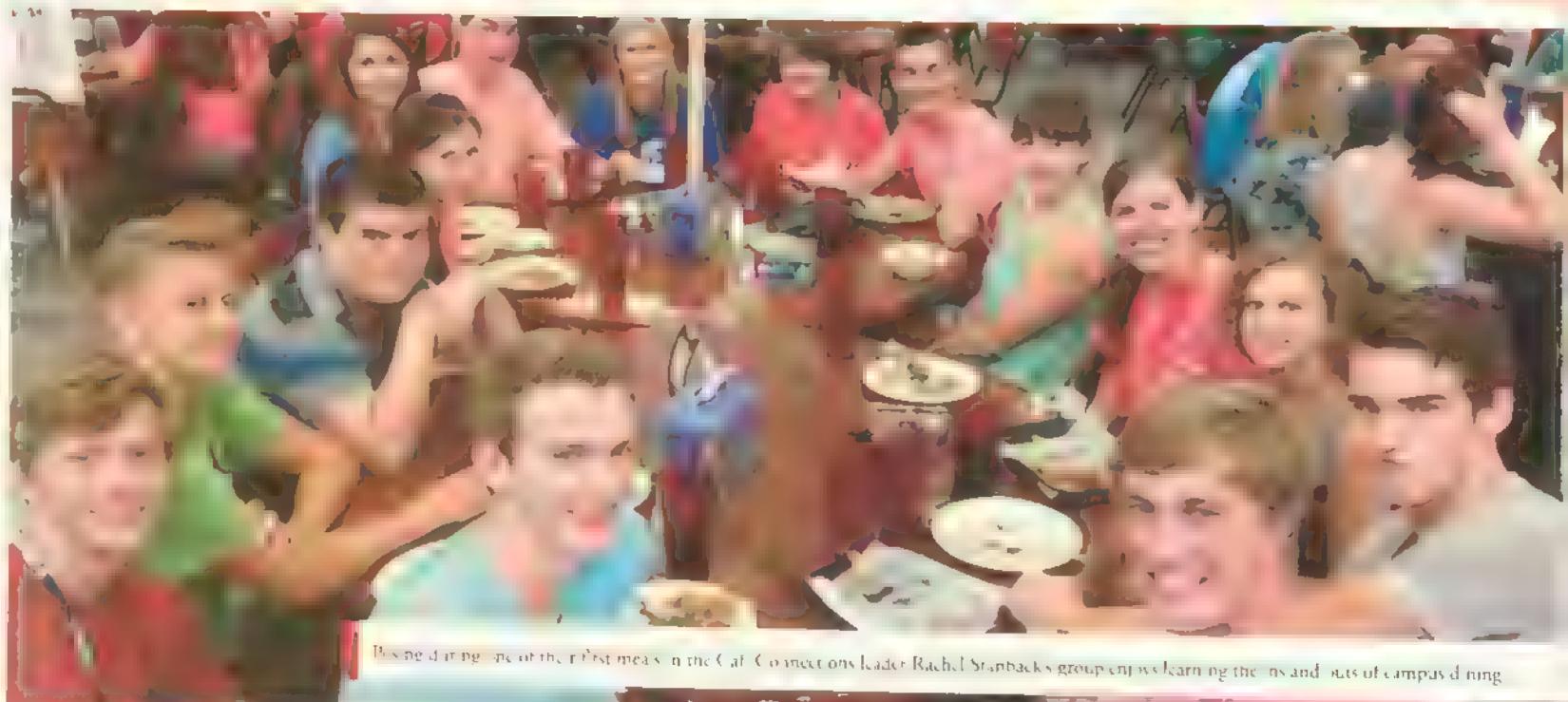
For many students the night was the first time that the student body got together since classes ended in May. Students enjoyed getting to catch up with friends while rapping, fist pumping and watching the show.



Students gathered on the Quad to enjoy a catered Caf dinner and to reunite with friends after a long summer apart.



# Connections



This scene during one of the first meals in the Caf. Connections leader Rachel Stanback's group enjoys learning the ins and outs of campus dining.

*On Aug. 23, record numbers of new freshmen moved into the place they would soon call home for the next four years. The first thing on their agenda as college students: Connections.*

The brand new college students were led down to the quad, where 91 Connections leaders anxiously waited to meet their freshmen group members. The leaders had been preparing for the arrival of these students all week and could not wait to welcome them to the Samford community. The outgoing leaders immediately began helping the freshmen become acquainted with campus and their fellow classmates.

Next on the agenda was Girls' and Guys' Night Out, where the freshmen ventured to various Birmingham restaurants for good food and fun.

The following day consisted of mixers, informational sessions and even an ice cream party at President Westmoreland's house. The students closed out the night with the Throwdown From Your Hometown Party.

Drew Hall, senior business major and Connections leader, said "My favorite part of the weekend was the dance because it was an exciting way to help the incoming students feel more comfortable hanging out on campus and meeting new people."

by JORDAN WEBB

The final day of Connections 2013 began with a worship service in Reid Chapel and the presentation of the Class of 2017 on Centennial Walk.

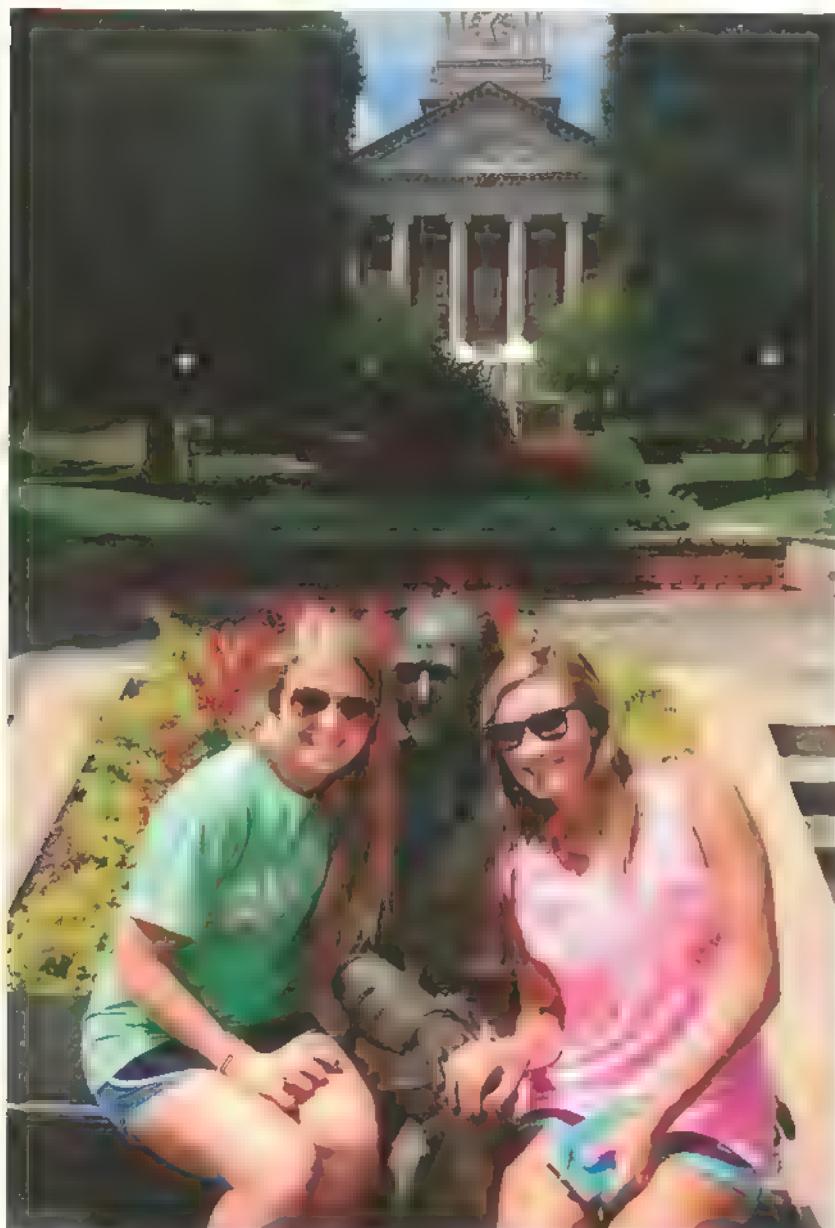
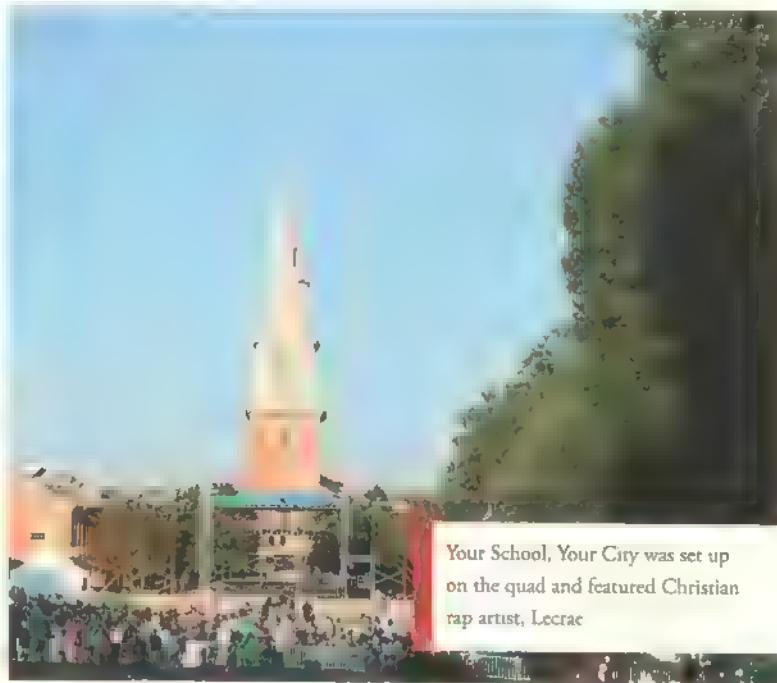
Soon after, the freshmen students went to LIFE, a comical simulation of the business of college life, to help prepare the new students for the days to come.

Junior accounting major, Andrew Bragg, said, "The looks on the faces of the freshmen as they entered the chaos of LIFE is priceless."

The weekend was wrapped up with Dinner on the Dirt and the Your School, Your City concert, where Christian rap artist Lecrae performed on the quad.

By the end of the weekend, freshman Courtney Webb said she, "was confident Samford University would be all I hoped for and more."

The freshmen's first days on campus were packed full of events in order to acquaint them with the faces and places they would soon come to know and love. Connections weekend was just a glimpse of all that was to come for these new students during their Samford career.

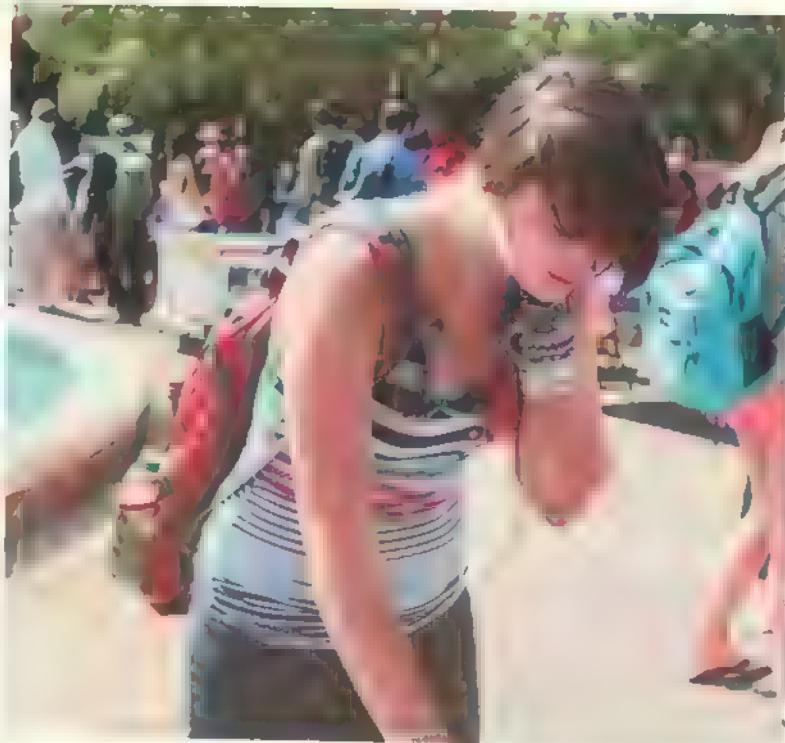


# Welcome Back Week

11, 2013

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**WELCOME BACK WEEK**  
*Welcome Back Week offered many events during the first week of classes and allowed students to spend time together and get settled for another great year on campus*

KRAUSTEN JACKSON

"At the beginning, I thought I was leaving my family altogether, freshman global studies major Nathan Graham said, "By the end of the week, I realized that I was simply stepping into a new one."

It was the perfect way to kick off the school year and begin making lasting connections.

After the first few days of classes, the student body came together

for a relaxing night on the quad. Students spread out their blankets to watch *Toy Story 3*, while enjoying one of Homewood's finest treats, Steel City Pops

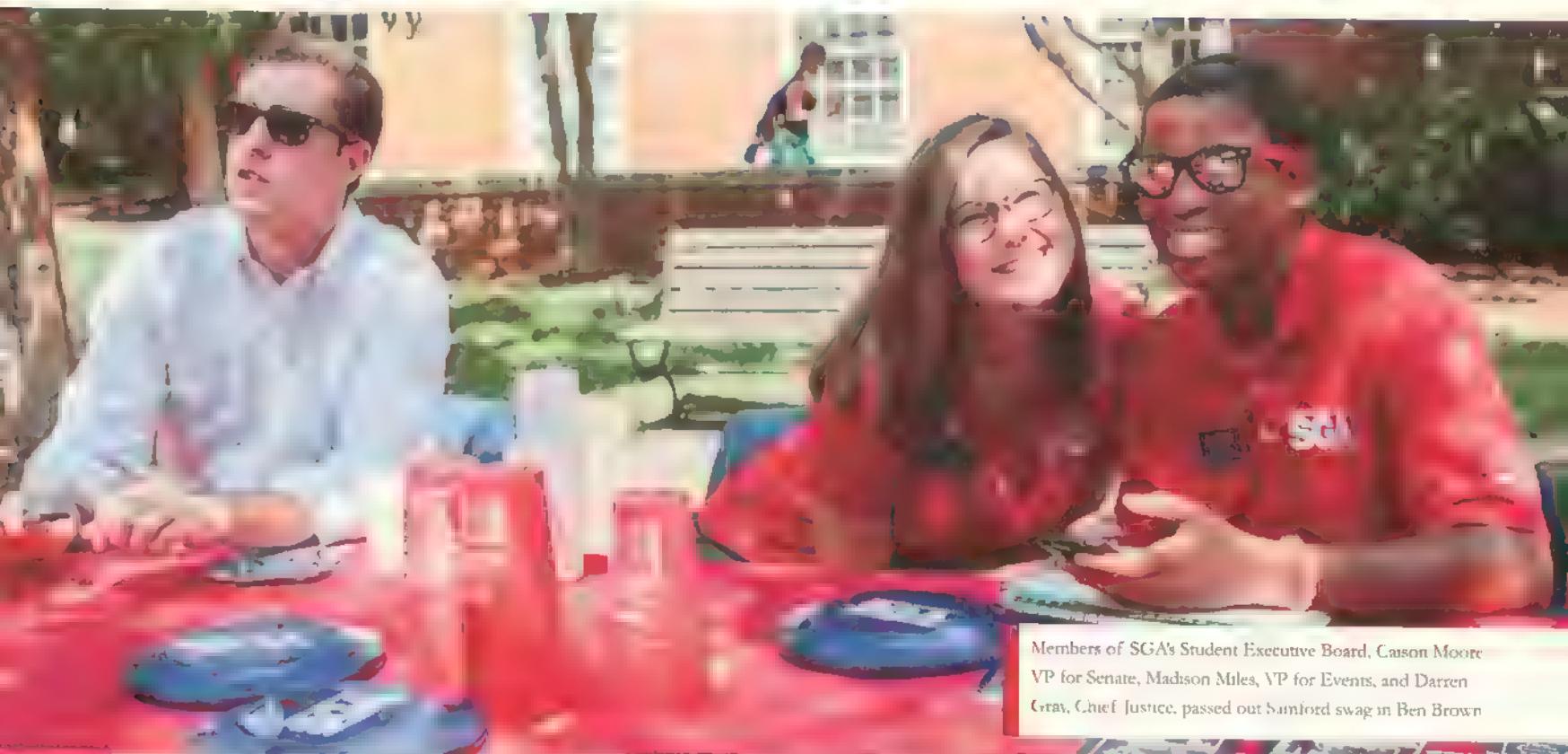
"My favorite part of Welcome Back Week was seeing all of my friends on the quad. I get to catch up with them and see how their summers went while enjoying all the fun Welcome Back Week events," senior biology major Maitlyn Mullen said

Each day, Ben Brown Plaza thrived as the Student Activities Council

presented a variety of treats and games for students to enjoy as a break in between classes.

Some favorites included the infamous kettle corn, Seeds Coffee on Athletics Day and a "Birmingham Favorites" day featuring giveaways of local go-to places.

"The kettle corn was delicious...and free," freshman environmental science major Chelsea Jamieson said.



Members of SGA's Student Executive Board, Caison Moore VP for Senate, Madison Miles, VP for Events, and Darren Gray, Chief Justice, passed out Samford swag in Ben Brown

# Tailgating



PHOTO BY: EMILY SARVER, CHRIS DAVIS, AND JEFFREY VAN DE VUURST



Residence Life sponsored a free tailgate for students with options including the typical, hot dogs and hamburgers, wings, ribs, Zaxby's and even Chick-fil-A.

*Tailgating represented a time-honored and beloved Samford tradition, one rich with the memories of fresh burgers, live music and Samford spirit.*

Tailgates started with roaring music from the Samford Marching Band, appearances from the Samford cheerleaders and dance team and a march to the stadium by Samford's football team. Students, parents and visitors alike all enjoyed Samford's unique tailgating experience.

For those that planned and set up tents on the quad, planning out tailgates was much more involved. Emily Sarver, a junior journalism and mass communication major, was in charge of her sorority's tailgates.

"Planning is the key to success. In order to make great food and joint fraternity tents happen, you must schedule everything in advance" Sarver said. "Putting together a tailgate is not easy but it is very

rewarding. It's amazing to see your ideas from paper come to life at the tailgate."

For those attending the tailgates, there was fun to be had each week. During Family Weekend and Homecoming, extra tents were brought in to accommodate reunion groups in addition to student interest group tailgates.

Sperry Gander, a junior nursing major, spent two years organizing tailgates for her sorority.

"One of my favorite parts about tailgating is being able to take a step back during the tailgate and see people enjoy it and realize all the hard work was completely worth it," Gander said. "It's so fun to spend time with your friends enjoying the fall weather and getting ready for Samford football!"



Cheerleaders cheered the football team through the Bulldog Walk. The recent addition to tailgating ramped up school spirit and was a highly attended event during tailgating.



# Family Weekend



*Mom and dad were in town, dorm rooms were spotless and all of the go-to restaurants near campus were packed. Family Weekend was a record breaking event with more than 865 families who attended the festivities.*

Events kicked off on Friday night when the Lady Bulldogs soccer team attracted a full crowd and brought a victory against Georgia Southern. While some families enjoyed this exhilarating game, others were able to enjoy the comfortable fall weather. At least 500 people viewed *Monsters University* on the quad after dark.

The celebrations continued on Saturday morning as the university welcomed nearly 500 people for a family breakfast in the caf.

The quad was covered in proud Samford colors as families enjoyed being able to dine at the tailgates and learn about their students' organizations.

The mother of Dylan Rigg, a junior Religion major, said, "It's so much

fun to watch football at Samford. We love spending time as a family on the quad and really enjoyed watching the pep rally. The atmosphere is great!"

The excitement from the soccer team's victory and the cheerful spirit did not cool down as everyone made their way to Seibert Stadium. The Red Sea was on their feet and parents were excited as the football team swept over Western Carolina with a 62-23 win for their Southern conference opener.

As the weekend came to a close Maggie Baucom, a sophomore international relations major, reflected on her weekend.

"Family Weekend is the best because you get to see your family without going home. When you come in for move-in day everything is a big rush and chaotic, but at Family Weekend it's a lot more peaceful and a great time to show your family around campus. It's basically the best of both worlds," said Baucom.

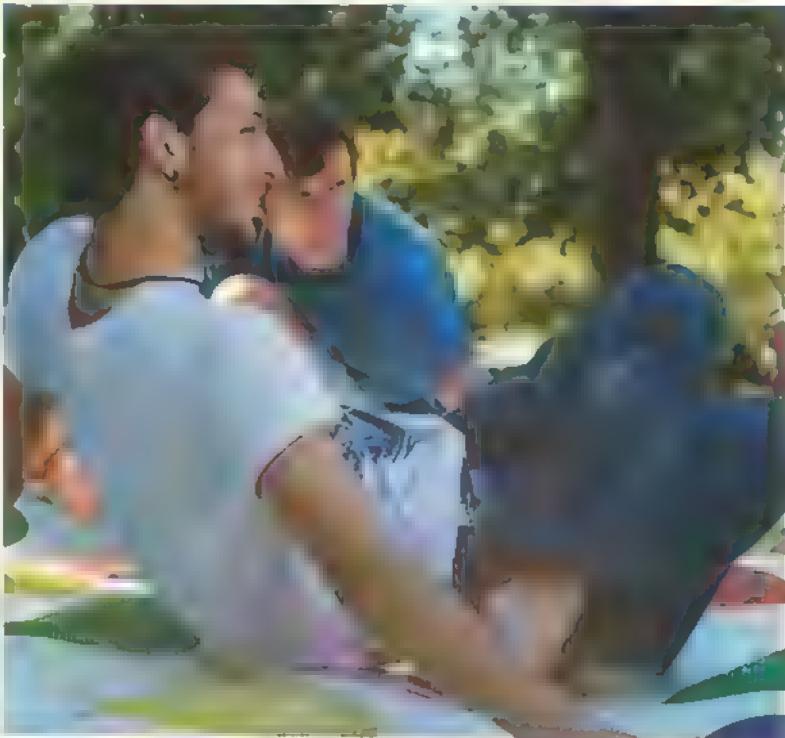
by ALEXANDRA D'ARONI



During check-in for Family Weekend, families and siblings were invited to pose for a photo booth. The fun family pictures were a hit on social media, including Instagram.



# Homecoming Week

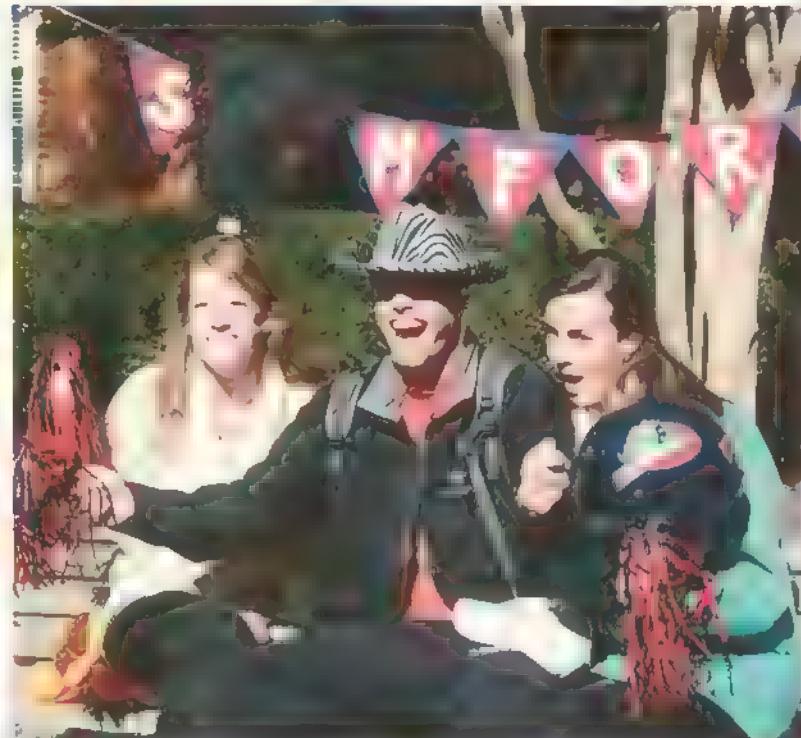


Homecoming is a major tradition on campus, and students enjoyed the festivities leading up to the weekend. To celebrate the week of Homecoming, the Student Activities Council held daily events in Ben Brown Plaza

by CHRIS DAVIS

"Homecoming Week was one of my favorite times on campus as we all celebrated Samford. I look forward to the events and food on Ben Brown every year," Chelsea Brown, a senior psychology major, said

Students enjoyed free food, ranging from Shipley's donuts, Panera bagels, Seeds coffee and hot wings.



"The free food was a good time to hang out with friends and get some food during a hard week," said senior accounting major Josiah Helms.

Spirit Day was a highlight of the week. Foam bulldog paws were passed out on Ben Brown.

"I loved the chance to throw my paws into the air and yell 'Bow Wow Bulldogs,'" Brown said

The events during Homecoming Week would not have been possible without the hard work of students of SAC.

So much of planning any event is making a basic ‘game plan,’ while always being open and flexible to any changes or additions,” said Rebekah Robinson, director of annual events and a senior journalism major.

Students also enjoyed the Homecoming Ball, a reinstated tradition that took the place of the usual bonfire.

“Homecoming Ball was a lot of fun. I’m glad it turned out as well as it did and that a lot of people showed up. I felt that was crucial to its success,” said Jonathan Quisenberry, a senior political science major.

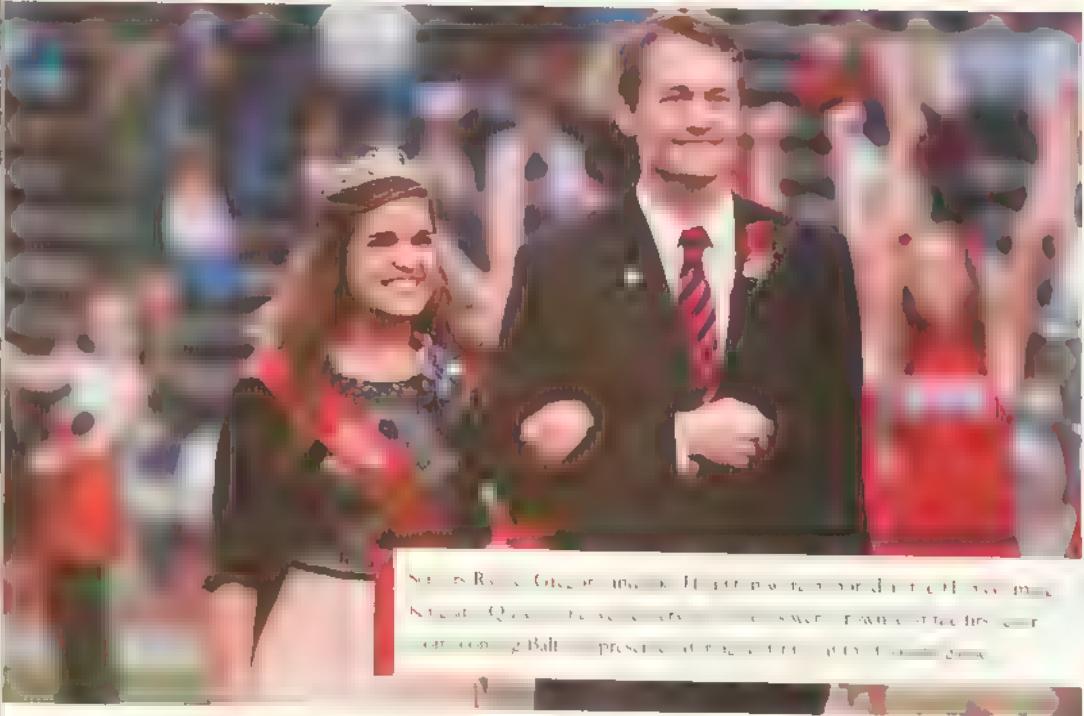
The Ball transformed Seibert Gym into an elegant, beautifully lit venue draped with lace. Students enjoyed delicious desserts including a cheesecake bar, a chocolate fountain and chocolate mousse in edible glasses.

“I think it’s important to give credit to Beth Roller and Paige Acker [Office of Student Activities], Rebekah and the rest of our committee. I also want to thank all those who continue to participate in Samford events, they are the reason the Samford community is so great,” said Andrew Bragg, director of annual events and a junior accounting major.



SGA President Cameron Thomas enjoyed dancing to the music of St Paul and the Broken Bones.

# Homecoming Weekend



Seniors Ryann Grier and Matt Hargan are ready to cheer on the Knight Queen pageant at the school's Powder Puff football game coming Saturday, presented by the Class of 2012.



*For Homecoming, everything was put aside except being a Samford Bulldog.*

Homecoming was on Saturday, Nov. 16 against the UT Chattanooga Mocs. This game was anything but average as the Bulldogs took home a nail biting victory.

Sophomore business major Warren Handrahan's kick sent the game into overtime tied 14-14. Handrahan got a reprieve on the opening possession of overtime and earned a 43-yard field goal that gave the Bulldogs a 17-14 Homecoming victory against the Mocs.

Chattanooga's place kicker Nick Pollard missed a 31-yard attempt after a delay of game penalty on the Mocs' possession, which caused a vast celebration as fans stormed the field.

The football game wasn't the only exciting part of the 2013 Homecoming festivities. Students, alumni and parents were encouraged to support Samford's volleyball team and senior players at their match against Southern Conference rival Furman University following the football game.

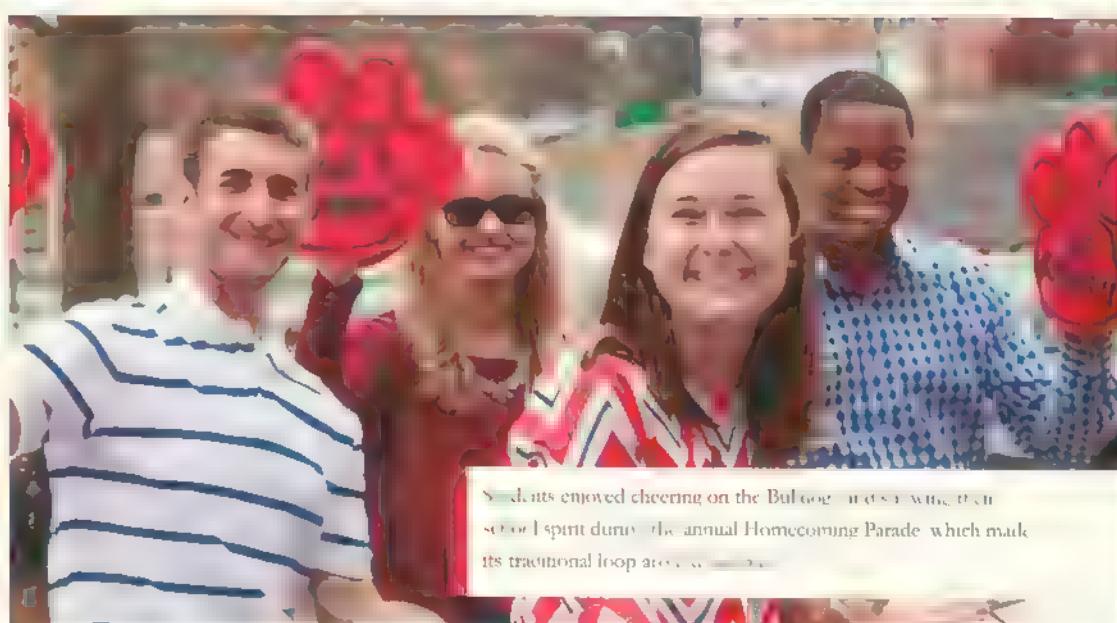
by ASHTEN DUNCAN

The Alumni Association hosted the annual Homecoming Banquet, which included presentation of the alumni awards. Chi Omega celebrated the 50 year anniversary of their chapter. The Vespers service held in Reid Chapel featured the University Chorale, A Cappella Choir and alumni.

Alumni from the past 50 years enjoyed the annual Golden Bulldog luncheon held in the Wright Center concert hall. The luncheon was a real treat to those returning to Samford for a blast from the past.

One new tradition set into play this year was the Homecoming Ball. Hosted by SGA, the Homecoming Ball transformed Bashinsky Gym into a beautiful dance. This new Samford tradition, which allowed students to get fancied up in their formal attire, was received well by students and sold out of tickets.

"The new Homecoming Ball was super fun, and the band was amazing. I believe everyone was very happy with the outcome," said Julianna Hallman, junior journalism major and press secretary of SGA. "Many students were worried about the absence of the annual Homecoming concert, but I believe the ball exceeded their expectations. From what I've heard, everyone had a wonderful time."



Students enjoyed cheering on the Bulldog mascot while participating in spirit during the annual Homecoming Parade which made its traditional loop around campus.

# *Miss Samford*

photographed by CAITRIN WILLIAMS



L to R: Courtney Marino, Miley D...Caitrion Keay, Hannah Marie, Carly, Liz Zegler, Shea, Sean, Anna, Emily Keay. All grew close during preparation for the competition. The girls were photographed following Courtney's presentation as Miss Samford.

Eight contestants took the Wright Center stage on Friday, Oct. 25 to compete for the title of Miss Samford 2014. Each of the candidates participated in talent, lifestyle and fitness, eveningwear and on-stage question categories. Miss Samford is a preliminary pageant for Miss Alabama and is a part of the Miss America Scholarship Program.

Contestant Hannah Marie Clardy, junior Biology major, said the pageant was "so much more than a beauty contest. Miss Samford is an empowering and fun way to receive scholarship money and an opportunity to promote your individual platform or community service project."

After a night of gorgeous gowns and a marvelous talent, Miss Samford 2013, Lauren Hunt, passed on her crown and all the responsibilities that accompany it. Hunt expressed how grateful she was to serve as Miss Samford. She said, "it is a great program and it provided me with unique opportunities to give back. It went by too fast, but crowning a new Miss Samford and watching the legacy continue was extremely exciting."

Shea Summerlin graciously accepted the title of Miss Samford 2014. Summerlin, a junior chemistry major from Montgomery, Ala., performed the piano piece, "Prelude No. 21 in B-Flat Major," for her talent. Summerlin represented Samford in the Miss Alabama scholarship

by JORDAN WEBB

pageant in June, while continuing to promote her platform, "All In for Alzheimer's."

Liz Zegler, a senior nursing major from Tuscaloosa, Ala., was named first runner up and winner of the Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit competition.

Second runner up and the Spirit of Miss Samford award went to Emily Kelley, a junior elementary and special education major from Marietta, Ga. Lauren Marino, a junior vocal performance major from Birmingham, won the talent competition after her performance of "Quando Men Vo."

Not only was onstage talent displayed during the 66th annual Miss Samford Pageant but Pageant Director Julianna Hallman beautifully executed the event after months of planning.

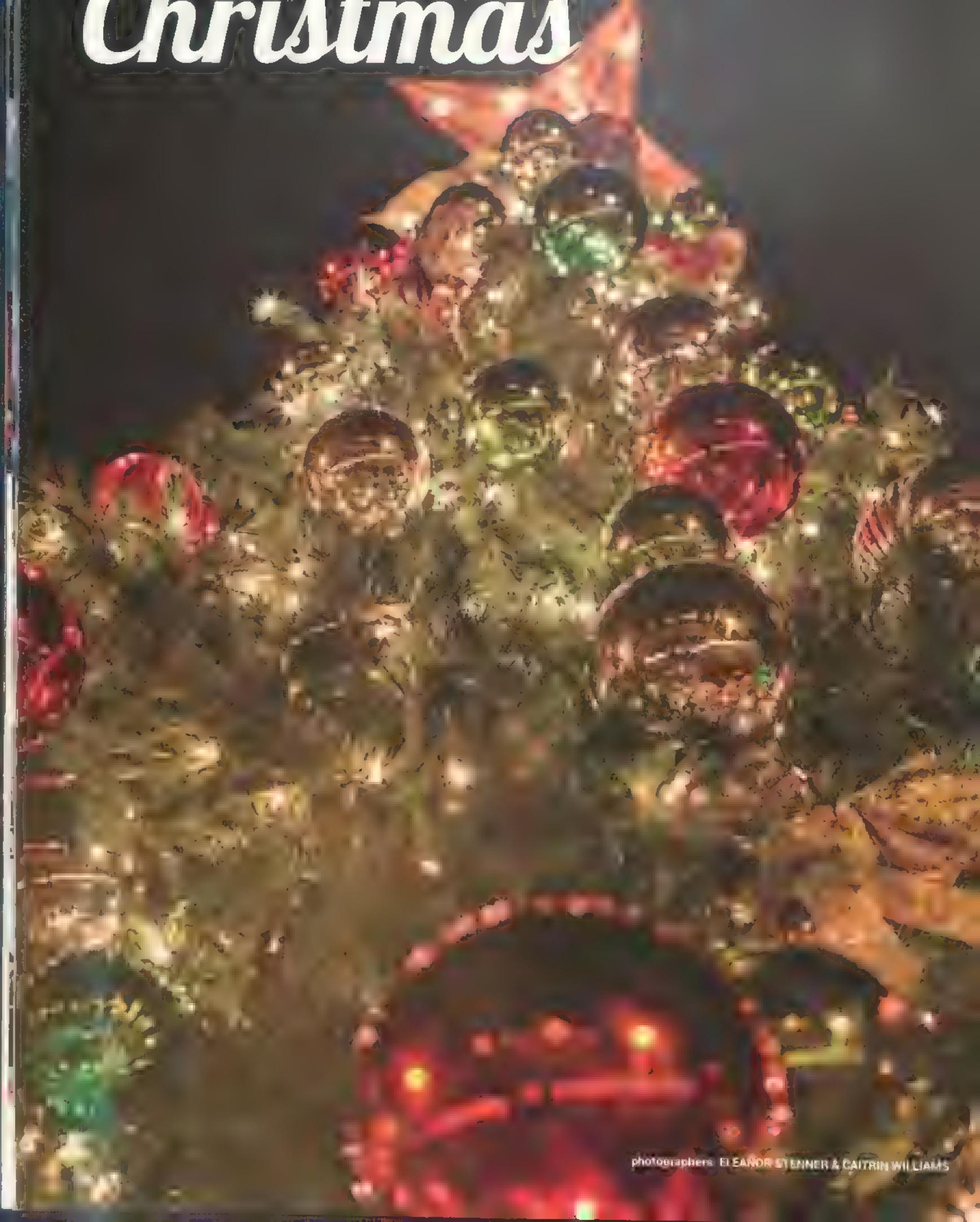
Miss Samford 2014, Shea Summerlin, said, "there was so much talent, organization due to the committee and a great production overall. It has been a goal of mine to compete in the Miss Alabama pageant, but it was so much more meaningful to go as Samford's representative."



Liz Zegler was named first runner up and winner of the Lifestyle and Fitness in a Swimsuit competition



# Christmas



photographers ELEANOR STENNER & CAITRIN WILLIAMS

*From the Christmas parties, caroling, up to the stargazing from the library's bell tower, Christmas at Samford was a night of fun for juniors and seniors alike.*

Students proudly donned their tacky Christmas sweaters and vests that come out only once a year and hummed Christmas carols to themselves as they strolled past the beautiful Christmas tree that towered over Centennial Walk. The twinkling lights that illuminated campus were a sure sign that Christmas was near and of the Christmas tradition held dear by the entire Samford community.

Though the threat of inclement weather compelled the Student Activities Council to move Christmas festivities inside, spirits were still high as the Lighting of the Way was streamed live in Harry's Coffee House. Students poured into the University Center for a study break of popcorn, cookies, Seeds coffee and hot chocolate, live music and, of course, a reading of the Christmas story.

By JORDAN WEBB

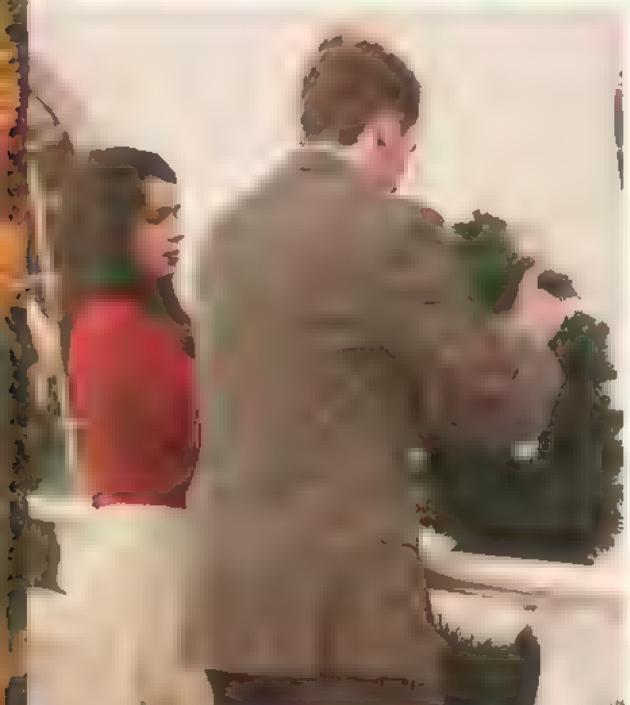
Though it was a different twist on a classic Samford tradition, Ashley Martin, director of special events for SAC, reflected on her experience, realizing that in the end, "it's the people that make it—all your friends come together for one big event."

Students look forward to the holiday festivities like the Christmas Around the World convocation and the Hanging of the Green as well—events that remind both students and faculty of the reason for the season.

Whether it was the planned events or the less conventional traditions, the community that came together for the holiday season was part of what made December so special on campus.

"My favorite tradition is probably climbing under the Christmas tree," said sophomore French and Spanish major Taylor Yungk. "Everyone needs to do it before they graduate."

University Chorale led Hanging of the Green attendees in a variety of Christmas songs and carols while members hung the tree in front of the Red Barn.



# Step Sing

VOTING BOOTH



As members of P-Kappa Psi, they voted in the voting booth; they put on red or blue ties to indicate who they voted for in the show's first election.



photographers: CAITLIN WILLIAMS, EMILY SARVER

*Step Sing 2014 started out icy, with the Snowpocalypse of 2014 shutting down both campus and Step Sing practices for multiple days. After one night's dress rehearsal, participants left the Wright Center to find three inches of fresh snow covering campus.*

The Step Sing Committee worked through the snow and ice to change participant ticketing to an entirely online process and ensure that groups received ample practice time on the Wright Center stage. Although groups could not practice, show directors used the time to refine their shows and choreography.

"At first it was frustrating to not be able to teach the girls what we had been working on since October," Katy Flinn, senior JMC major and director of Zeta Tau Alpha's second place circus-themed show, said. "But in the end, the extra few days gave us additional time to make our show even better."

The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi won Sweepstakes for the second year in a row with their presidential campaign themed show titled "Call of Duty." Directed by senior biology major John Hunsicker and senior marketing major Drew Hall, the show followed two politicians running for President.

by ALLEGSON KLAUBERT

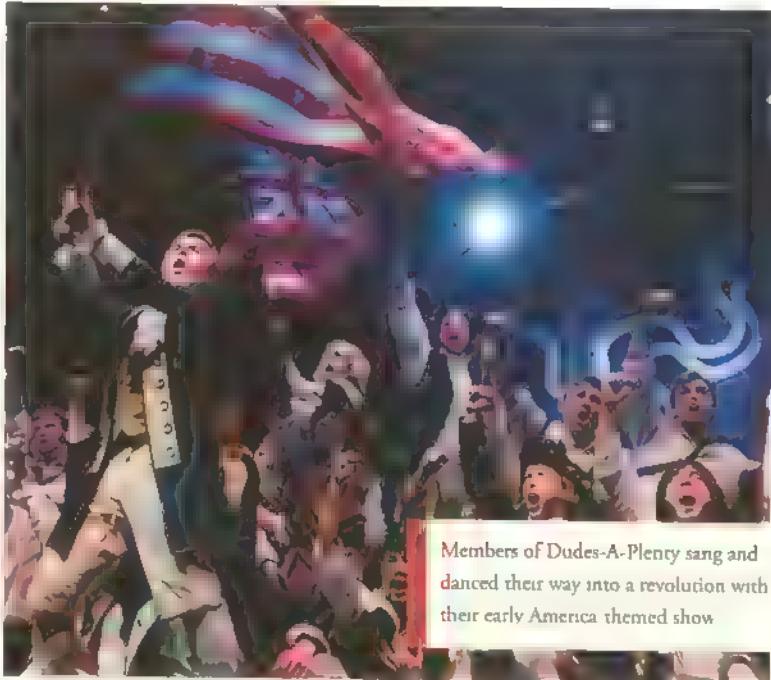
"Winning the Sweepstakes trophy was a great feeling because it was something we did as a brotherhood," said Hall. "Directors can plan and teach, but it takes everyone working together for execution to follow. We had fun, and it's something I'll remember forever."

Major changes to this year's Step Sing included changing the stage from a slanted, rake stage to a flat stage and adding a Saturday matinee.

"While we never want to change the nature of such an incredible tradition, it was time for some additions to be made to Step Sing," said Chelsea Brown, senior psychology major and one of the overall Step Sing directors. "The new stage allowed larger props and the additional show allowed more families to see their students perform."

Despite initial setbacks, Step Sing 2014 had a record number of attendees and continued the strong tradition of Step Sing.

"Working through the snow was a challenge that we certainly didn't expect," Brown said. "But with the support of the Step Sing committee, participants, show directors and Samford as a whole, we were still able to put on the best show yet."



Members of Dudes-A-Plenty sang and danced their way into a revolution with their early America themed show.



# Step Sing Profiles



## FRESHMAN LADIES

The Freshmen Ladies told a story quite fresh and familiar to them. The show began with high school graduation and continued with the journey to Samford. Their emcee introduction, which won the "Favorite Emcee" award, featured dialogue between a mom and her daughter and mentioned the newly launched #SamNotStan campaign. Featuring move-in day and Hairspray's "Mama I'm a Big Girl Now," the show ended with the state favorite "Sweet Home Alabama."

## SIGMA CHI

Sigma Chi took us back a few months to Christmas season in the North Pole. Opening with "Look Down" from "Les Misérables" Santa walked across the stage with his eyes on the elves to make sure they were doing their job. Full of energy, the elves played around and sang "I don't want to work; I just want to play with the toys all day!" They then lamented in well-executed pitch that they'd have a "Blue Christmas" when Santa fires them for breaking a toy. They get back to work "breaking a sweat," and, in the end, Christmas is as happy as ever.



## ALPHA DELTA PI

The ladies of ADPi donned striped overalls and white face paint to take us into the secret world of mimes. As expected of them, the mimes are perfectly quiet when a "regular" person comes jump roping across the stage, but soon after that person leaves they express they want to "Scream and Shout" like Will.I.Am. Memorable songs included Lady Gaga's "Poker Face" and "Pretty Little Liars" theme song "Secret," but the crowd-favorite moment was the black-lighted white-glove hand dance to Ellie Goulding's "Lights."



**CHI OMECA** Chi Omega's show was a mix of old and new.

Chi O told the story of a girl running away from home and coming across a community of beloved,

"Hunchback of Notre Dame"-inspired gypsies sporting long, flowy skirts and headbands with gold accents. The show was laced with popular songs, including "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Rich Girl," and Lorde's hit "Royals." A was the dance break complete with tambourines to Katy Perry's "Dark Horse" proved to be an audience favorite. In the end, lost Jezebel is welcomed into the community and finds a new home among them.

**DUDES-A-PLENTY** DAP's show was a mix of old and new.

In a show full of very clever lyric changes, DAP took us back to the 18th century and told the story of the Revolutionary War. The story began with the Boston Tea Party, then, with memorable choreography and a mash-up of "This Little Light of Mine" and Nelly's "Ride Wit Me," the British were coming. The soldiers sang "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" and rolled out a giant Declaration of Independence and sang "Crossing the River" to the tune of "Cry Me a River" as they crossed the Delaware River with heart-wrenching choreography. The battles began and some fall and the Dudes ended the show with a well-harmonized crowd favorite "Do You Hear the People Sing?"

**PHI MU** Phi Mu's show was a mix of old and new.

The ladies of Phi Mu played the role of new recruits in the Alpha Gamma division of the police academy on a mission to save the stolen Mr. Beeson. Starting the show with caution tape and marching, these ladies showed they were no-nonsense when it comes to fighting crime. This show included popular songs "Safe and Sound" by Capital Cities, "Love On Top" by Beyoncé, and an a capella section of "Bulletproof," popularized by Pitch Perfect. When the ladies sang Blondie's "One Way or Another," the lights went down and they pulled out flashlights. In the end, they caught the criminals and justice was served.



by KATY FLINN

## FRESHMAN GIRLS

"Twee, tweet," sang the freshmen girls as they made their Step Sing debuts in blue dresses and feathers. The girls explored a day in the life of birds, and they had just as much energy and lovability as little blue birds. The show featured Nelly Furtado's "I'm Like a Bird" and Adele's "Skyfall." Just like the attitudes of the happy chirping birds seem to say, the girls sang "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay, My, oh my what a wonderful day!" And, of course, what is a show about birds if it doesn't contain the crowd pleasing "Free Bird?"



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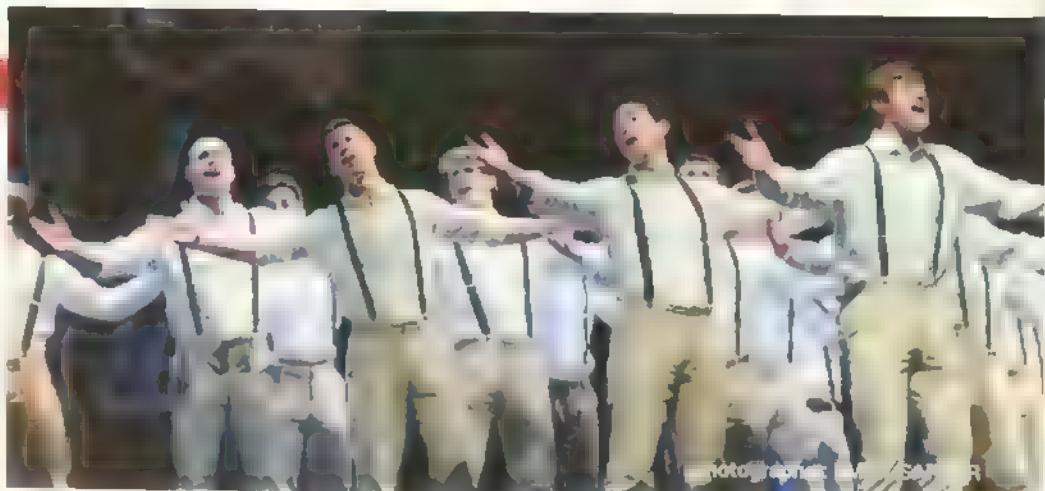
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## ZETA TAU ALPHA

ZTA gave the audience a look at what happens behind the scenes of a circus. Opening its show with the grand finale of the circus, ZTA's show featured popular song "Team" by Lorde and the expected but fitting "Circus" by Britney Spears. A brave acrobat soared out of a cannon across the stage to a rewording of Miley Cyrus's "Wrecking Ball." After an escaped lion and a tight rope fall, the circus performers prepared themselves for the next show, singing Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" and getting in their places for the opening act.

## Pi Kappa Phi

Pi Kapp went political this year and shared the drama of election season. Who will win the race for president: the incumbent or the young guy with fresh ideas? Popular songs included U2's "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" and Philip Philip's "Gone, Gone, Gone." The population considered both candidates, but when "Voting (Closing) Time" came along, the red ties won out and the young candidate won, celebrating with a well-choreographed, feel-good dance to "I Choose You" by Timeflies.



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## INDEPENDENT LADIES

Only one of Indie Ladies' basketballs fell into the pit during their show about the Women's National Basketball Association. The ladies explained that men's and women's basketball were not created equally in "If I Were a Boy" cleverly mashed with Skee-Lo's "I Wish." Crowd-favorite songs included "Basketball" by Lil Bow Wow, "Applause" by Lady Gaga, and top-40 "Roar" by Katy Perry. And no Indie Ladies show is complete without the perfectly synchronized signature move, this year to Macklemore's "Can't Hold Us."

**UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES**

UM went darker this year with a zombie apocalypse show. The show started in a happy "little town... quiet village" much like Princess Belle's, but a radioactive plant explosion turned the population into zombies. This show included "Radioactive" by

Imagine Dragons and "Pompeii" by Bastille and undead like choreography. The four humans that survived the radioactivity try to "Save the World Tonight," but an emotional turn of events accompanied by Coldplay's "Fix You" leads them all to become zombies. No happy ending for the former suburbia.

**ALPHA OMICRON PI**

The show began with medical patients crying out "I Need a Doctor" and went into "somebody call 911" from Sean Kingston's "Fire Burning." The ladies danced to "Fever" with giant thermometers and sang "Let's Give Physicals" to Olivia Newton John's song as a doctor checked on a patient. A clever lyric change to JT's "Suit and Tie" included stethoscopes and hand washing, but the crowd-favorite moment was when they sang "When You're Ready Come and Get It" as the patients danced around with bed pans. The show ended with "I Will Survive" as the patients left the doctor's care.

**IGNITE**

The fireflies of IGNITE opened their show with "I Gotta Feeling" as the sun went down. In their antennas, wings and illuminated backsides, the ladies sang the church camp classic "Light the Fire in My Heart" followed by Kanye's "All of the Lights." Then one of the fireflies got caught in a jar and they sang Jordin Sparks' "No Air." The bugs "Come Together" and help the trapped firefly escape, celebrating with High School Musical's "Breaking Free." They finished with the nostalgic "We Are Young" as the sun came up



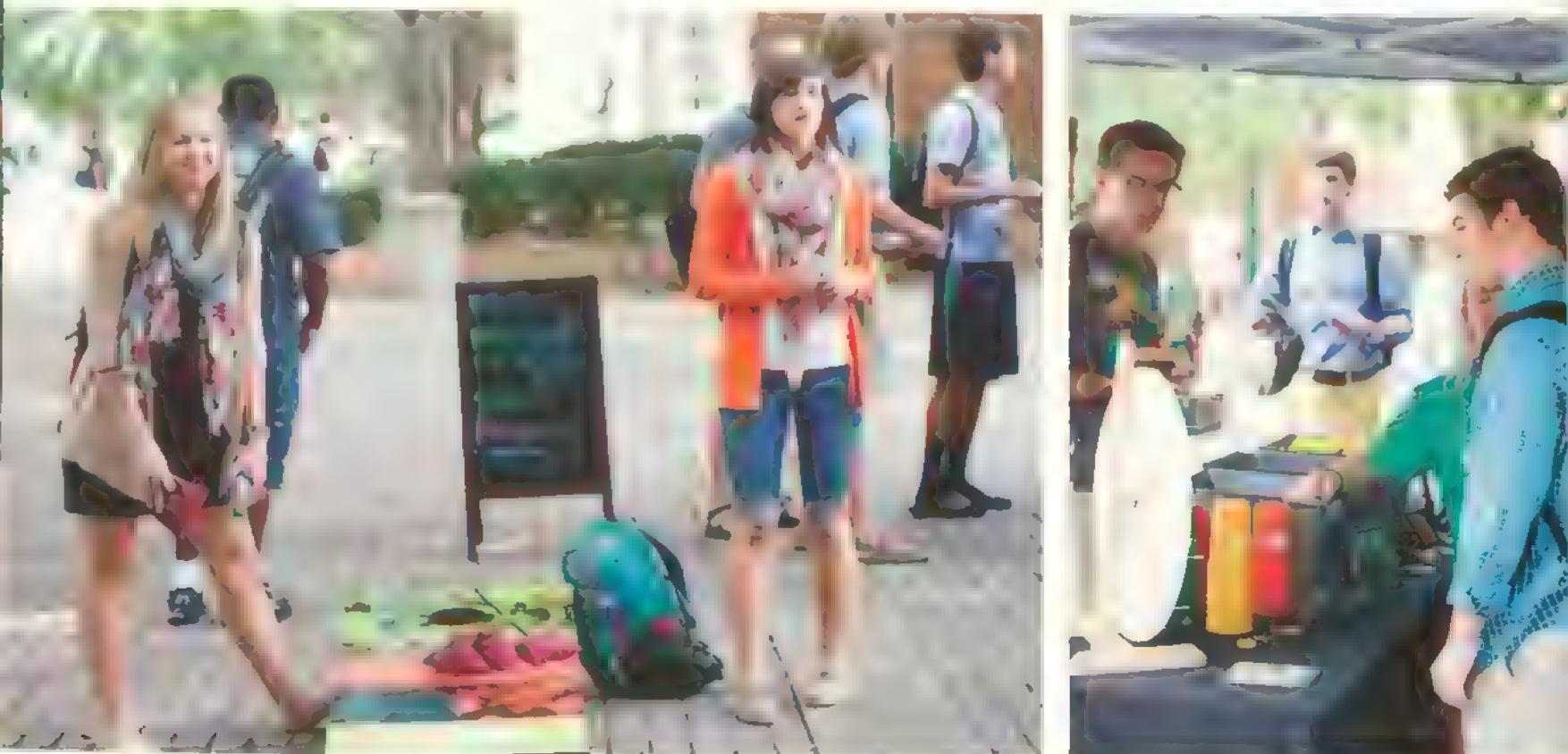
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Regardless of the season, many events were hosted on Ben Brown, from Welcome Back Week and Homecoming to student organizations raising awareness for different causes and even food trucks bringing lunch for students to enjoy.

"Working on the Student Activities Council, I helped coordinate activities on Ben Brown, such as Spring Fling. Ben Brown is a prime location

because it is where everyone hangs out and it is a great chance to build community," said Elizabeth Robinson, a senior international relations and Latin American studies double major.

Students gathered at the benches and picnic tables to work on homework together, eat lunch or just enjoy the sunshine. Every day was a fountain fun day in Ben Brown Plaza.



Ben Brown always had something going on. Students took a break from class to play lawn games including cornhole and pole ball in #BBP.

# *Samford Gives Back*





*Samford Gives Back* was a campus wide effort to give students the opportunity to venture out into the community of Birmingham and volunteer for the day or “give back” to the community. It took place during the spring and was held annually by the Office of Student Leadership.

Grace Miserocchi, a sophomore journalism and mass communication major, participated in Samford Gives Back with her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi. The sisters volunteered at Mitchell’s Place, “a local preschool and therapy clinic for children with autism,” she said. “We cleaned and organized their facilities and learned more about the organization.”

Miserocchi said her favorite part about Samford Gives Back was “volunteering with my friends and working in the Birmingham community. Samford Gives Back is a great way to learn more about organizations in the area.”

Samford students divided into groups or work teams to conquer their project for that day. At Samford Gives Back, the students had the

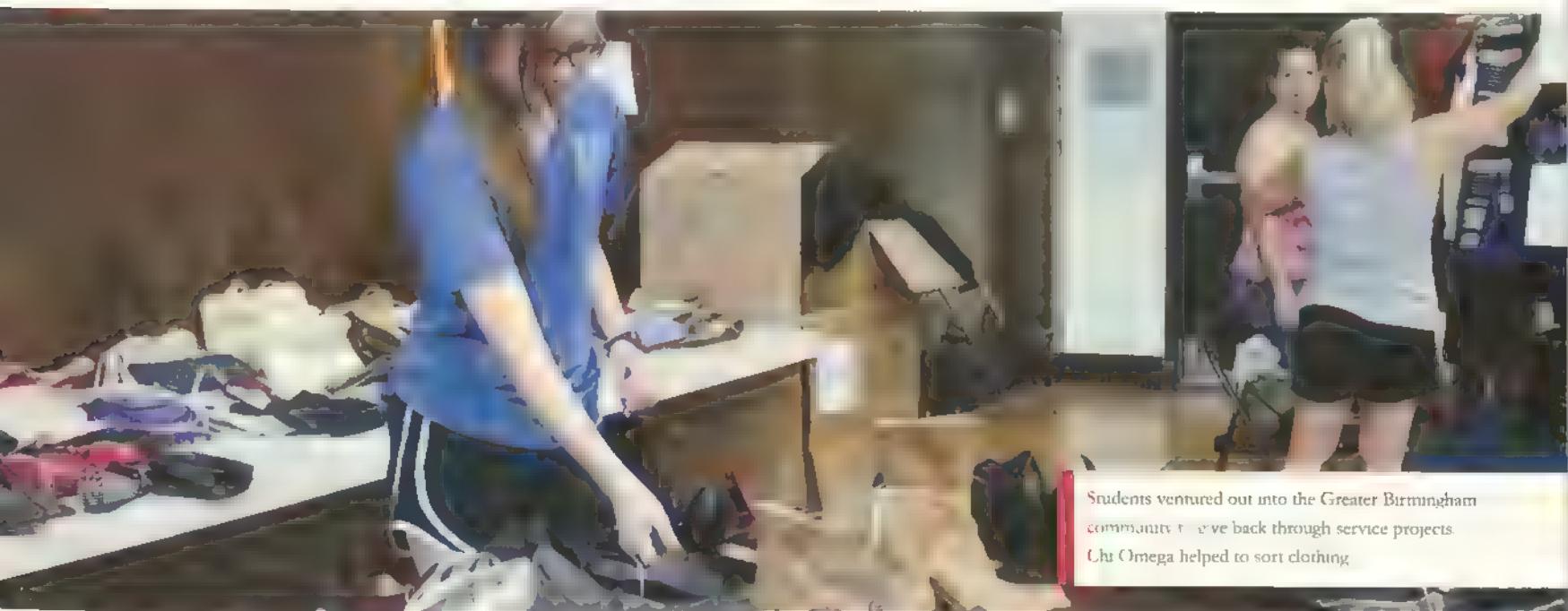
chance to team up with various organizations in the Birmingham area committed to pursuing public good.

Annie Criswell, a senior nursing major, had the chance to participate in Samford Gives Back twice. Both years she worked with an organization called Hands On Birmingham. Her group helped by sorting donations at an elementary school after the tornadoes hit in 2011.

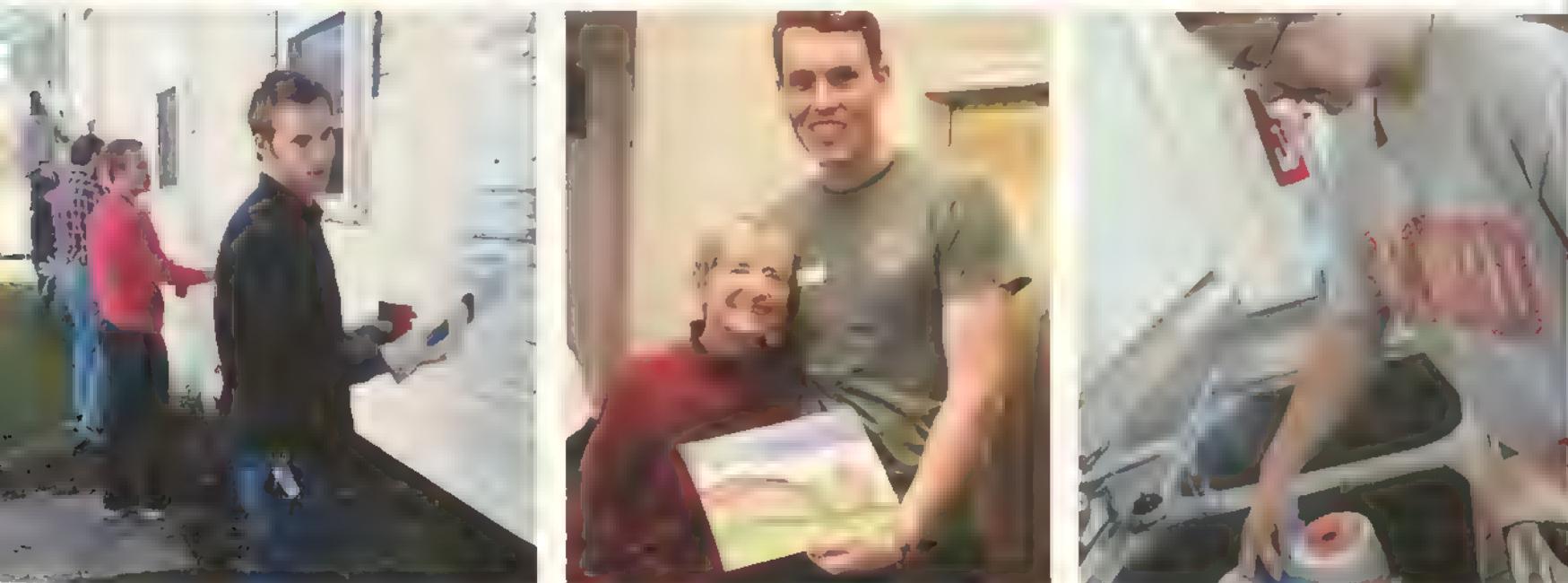
“After we sorted the donations, we helped families shop for clothes, hygiene items and groceries,” said Criswell.

Criswell loved seeing a different side of Birmingham. “As Samford students it’s easy to live in the bubble and not see those less fortunate around us. Hands On Birmingham and Samford Gives Back gave me an opportunity to directly help those people and connect with more opportunities to serve,” said Criswell.

Volunteering for the day in the neighborhoods of Birmingham encouraged the students toward community with one another and raised appreciation for the community in which they were living.



Students ventured out into the Greater Birmingham community to give back through service projects. Chi Omega helped to sort clothing.



# Harry's Coffeehouse

*Harry's Coffeehouse was the place to be on Thursday nights.* The free concert series, hosted by Student Government Association and the Student Activities Council throughout each semester, was an event set up by students, for students.

by ALY HATHCOCK

Annalise Price, a junior nutrition and dietetics major, served as a co-director of Harry's Coffeehouse with Samuel Douglas, a senior philosophy major. They were responsible for coordinating all aspects of the concerts from booking the artists, catering to them when they arrived on campus and making sure the events were fun for attendees.

Through the hard work of the directors, SGA and SAC, students were able to enjoy live performances from artists such as Flying Colours, Judah and the Lion and Colony House.

"The cool part about Harry's Coffeehouse is the size of the venue," said Madeline Dormois, a sophomore psychology major. "It's small and intimate, which allows the bands to interact with the audience in a more personal way."

Harry's central location on campus played a major role in making the events a success. Though many students frequently set aside schoolwork to come to concerts, Harry's centrality allowed students to come and go as they needed. It also let students studying in the food court listen in while still getting work done. Either way, the venue was usually full.

"The caliber of artists that we are able to book as a free concert venue really is amazing, and though you may not be very familiar with the artist performing, you could very likely walk away with a new favorite band," said Price.

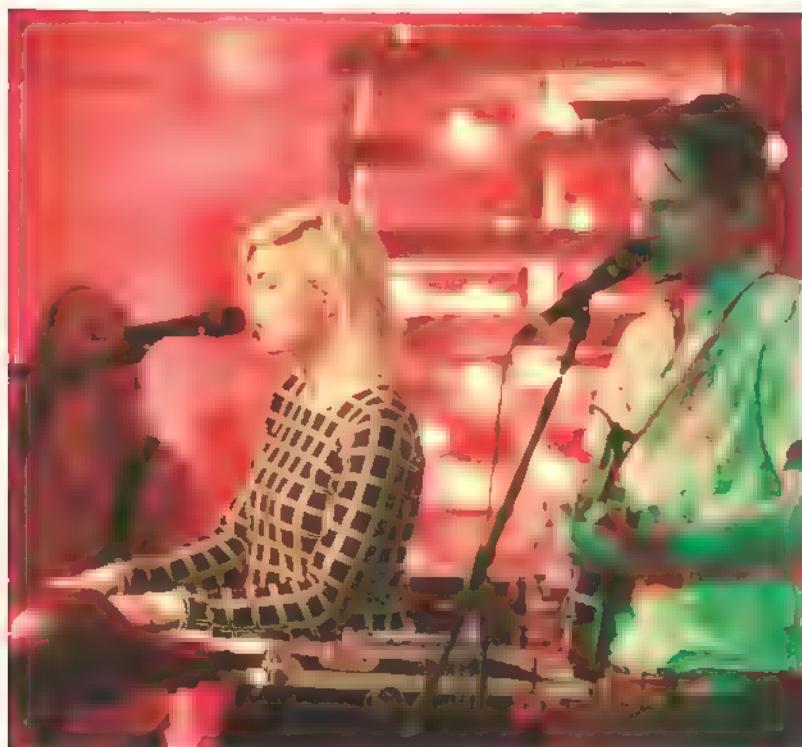


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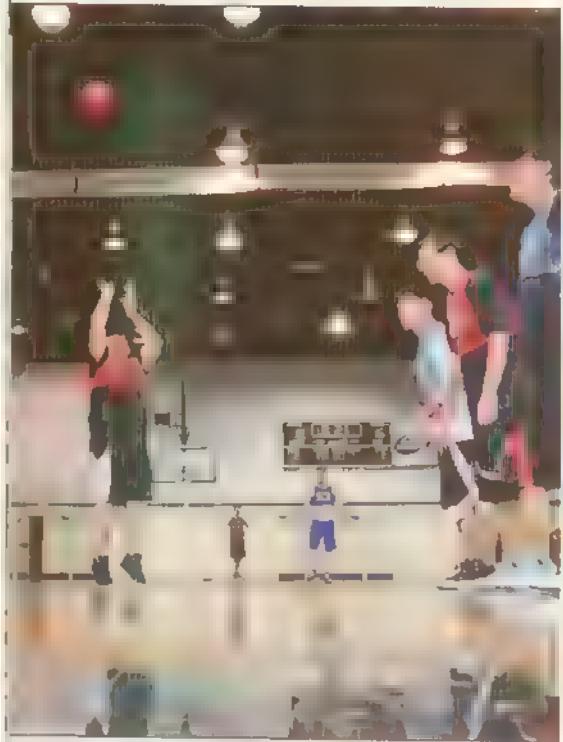


Large events are a hallmark piece we've helped students create over the years. Classes, speakers, and other opportunities are available.



# International Students

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From *Asia Week* to math class, our students forged friendships that will last a lifetime — now and always.

*Over 100 students from all over the world came to Samford University to study. They quickly found themselves immersed in an unfamiliar culture. From the moment the international students set foot on Samford's campus, Student Affairs and the International Ambassadors worked to help them adjust to life in the United States.*

Students attended New International Student Orientation before classes started so they could learn their way around campus, become acquainted with the Homewood neighborhood, open a bank account and get a U.S. cell phone.

Though these few days were packed with activities, many of the international students would say it was one of their favorite weeks at Samford.

"One of my favorite memories in the United States is the international orientation week," said Rina Kim, a student from South Korea. "I met so many of my new friends during that week."

After orientation, students began to make friends and build relationships with students across campus.

"I've made so many friends here at Samford," said Caro Catena, a student from Argentina. "The people are so open to international

people, and they are all very kind individuals."

Students from China, Spain and Argentina came to the US for several reasons, most of which were to improve their English and experience American culture. During breaks, many of the international students took time to travel to other parts the country.

"My favorite memories from here are traveling to different states or just going out at night for adventure in some of the small towns here," said Tina Wei, a senior nursing major from China.

Living abroad came with its own set of struggles for international students. Most didn't own a car and relied on American friends to run errands and get around town. According to Wei, the hardest part about living in the United States was the struggle to find an authentic Chinese restaurant. Other international students said the hardest part was the culture shock.

"Living in the Deep South is very different from other parts of the U.S.," said Wei. Despite this, Wei and the other international students agreed that their experiences in Birmingham, Ala. were worth it.



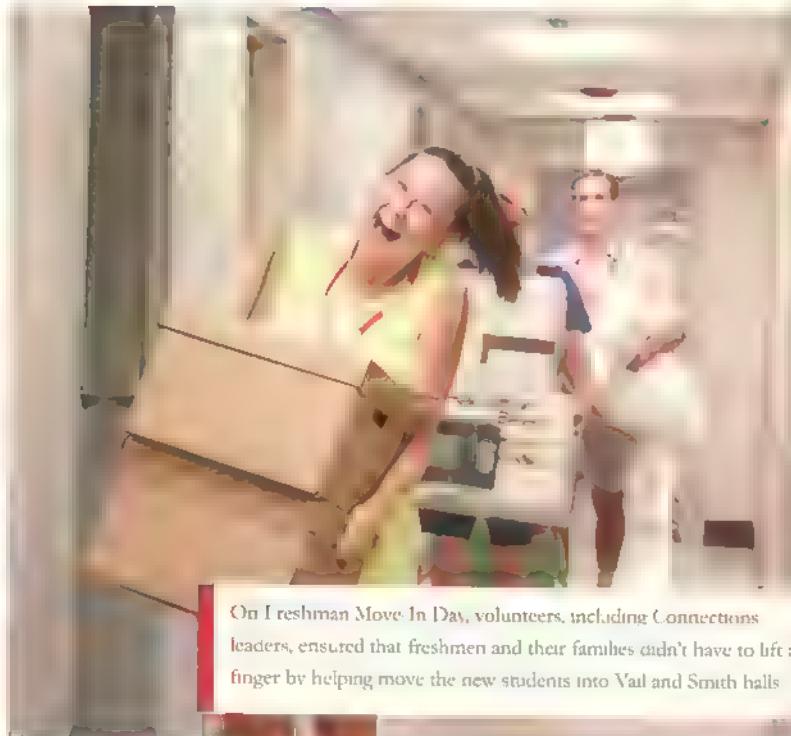
# Residence Life

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RESIDENCE LIFE



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On Freshman Move In Day, volunteers, including Connections leaders, ensured that freshmen and their families didn't have to lift a finger by helping move the new students into Vail and Smith halls

## *Living on campus was extremely influential in students' daily lives*

Returning to the dorms from a long, hard day of class and activities, many students could be left feeling stressed and exhausted. However, they had a family of peers who shared their same experiences. Students in communal living facilities not only shared a building but also fun times and built friendships to last a lifetime.

Sophomore Lindsey Derrick said her favorite aspect of residence life were the hall activities. "The hall activities that my RA hosts for us provide a great way to put everything else aside and just have fun with other girls. I have gotten closer to so many girls just by living close to them!" she said. Derrick's college experience this year was enriched by

the relationships she established with women on her hall.

In addition to establishing true friendships with those on your hall, Residence Life served students by providing them with a high-quality place to live.

This department not only focused on quality living in terms of housing but also in terms of fostering the resident's educational, personal, social and spiritual development within a Christian environment.

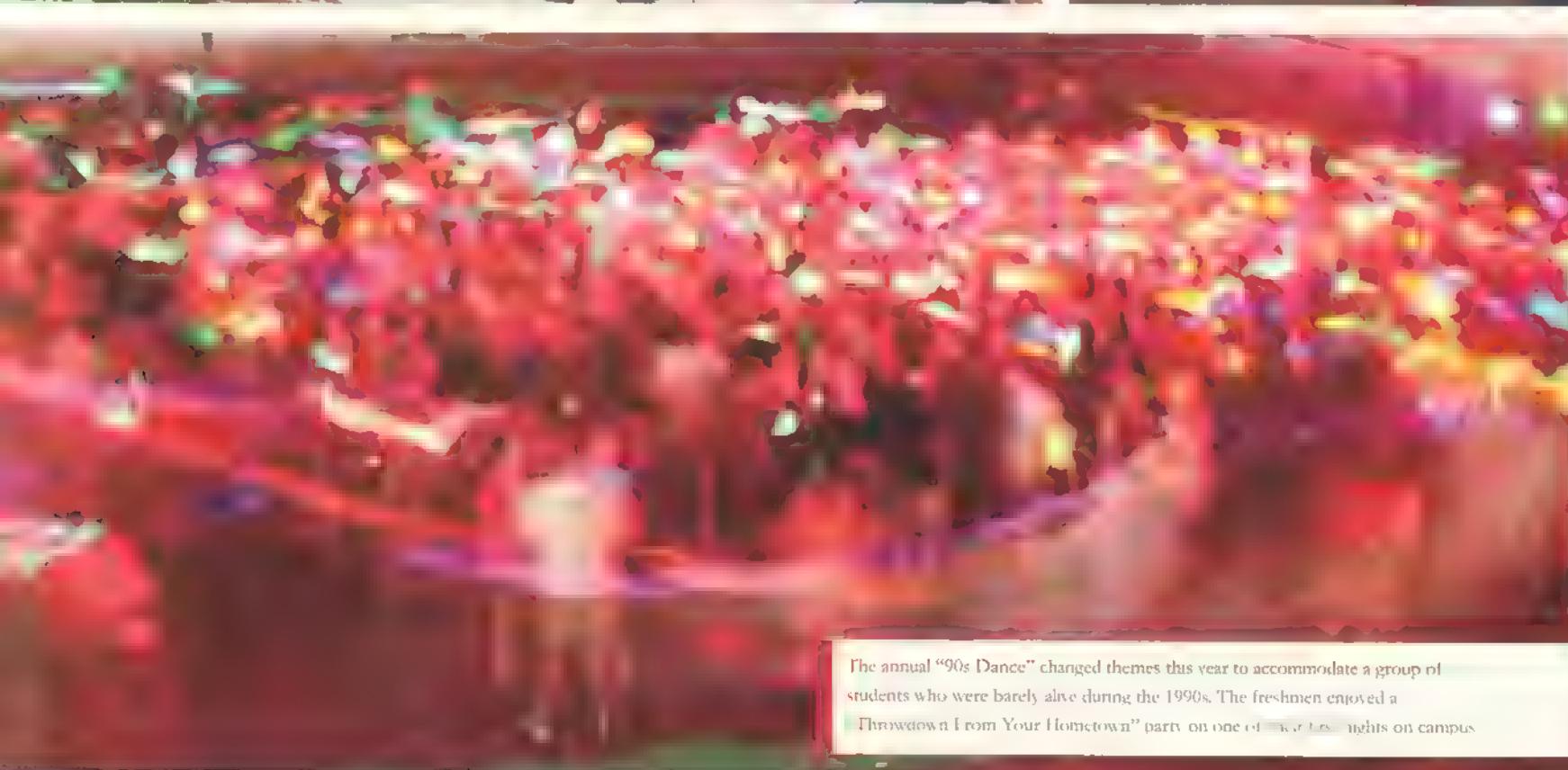
Another important aspect of Residence Life at Samford was the events they hosted for freshmen. Social gatherings, such as dances

and tailgates, helped freshmen become familiar with people in their class and urged them to develop confidence in assuming a leadership role at Samford in the future.

Marta Gillison, freshman business major, talked about the importance of freshmen tailgating. She said, "Res Life tailgating definitely gives you opportunities to connect with other students." For Gillison, as well as many other freshmen, tailgating with Res Life allowed her to make more connections with people in her class.

However, freshmen weren't the only ones impacted by Residence Life fair. Tatianna Hallman, a journalism mass communication major said, "I have friends today that I made freshmen year that I will have until I'm old and gray."

Residence Life not only helps new students get a feel for college life but develops relationships among students that shape their college journey. Living on campus truly set the pace for students' college involvement.



# Intramurals



*On almost any day of the week,* Samford students could find activities to be involved in. One of the most popular activities was intramural sports. Intramurals were a long standing and integral part of the university, as Campus Recreation hosted teams and intramural competitions in both the fall and the spring semesters.

Intramural sports were designed for students of all skill levels ranging from high level athletes or people who had never played before. Games were held on all nights of the week to keep from interfering with class schedules and student jobs. Campus Recreation also worked to keep fees low, so cost would not be a problem for students.

Students joined intramural teams for dozens of reasons. For some students like sophomore biology major Caroline Mefford, intramurals provided a way to unleash competitive natures. "Playing intramural volleyball and dodgeball provided me with great ways to act out my competitive side," Mefford said.

Other students use intramurals as a way to stay in shape and play sports without playing on the varsity level.

by ALEX HATHCOCK

"I'm not exactly athletic, but I love to play sports," sophomore religion major Camille Honts said. "Intramurals provide the opportunity for me to still play and have fun even though I'm not very good."

Both Honts and Mefford agreed that intramural sports were a great way to build community and spend time with friends. Mefford played for Phi Mu's dodgeball team and got to know some of her sorority sisters better. When Hont's team, Pitches Be Crazy, won in their softball league, they merged with the other girls' leagues for playoffs. This provided Honts with an opportunity to meet other Samford girls whom she might never have met before.

Whatever the reason for joining, intramural sports provided students with fond memories.

"My favorite memory is when one of my friends was running from third base to home and just face planted three-fourths of the way there," Honts said. "She ended up making it to home plate and scoring, but to see the look of fear that she wouldn't score on her face was priceless!"



Friendly rivalries between Greek organizations fueled the fire in the Intramural leagues.



*Spring Fling week at Samford was filled with activities that helped unite the campus and keep students motivated post spring break*

Samford students enjoyed many of Birmingham's food options throughout the week. Students celebrated an American theme day with Doodle's Italian Ice and a cultural food fair

"Spring Fling is one of my favorite weeks of the year," said junior journalism major Halley Smith. "Getting the chance to soak in the warm weather and relax with friends is one of the best ways to welcome in spring."

Spring Fling spirit moved off campus this year as students enjoyed a baseball theme day filled with frozen lemonade, cookies and sunflower seeds that ended in a trip to downtown Birmingham to cheer on the

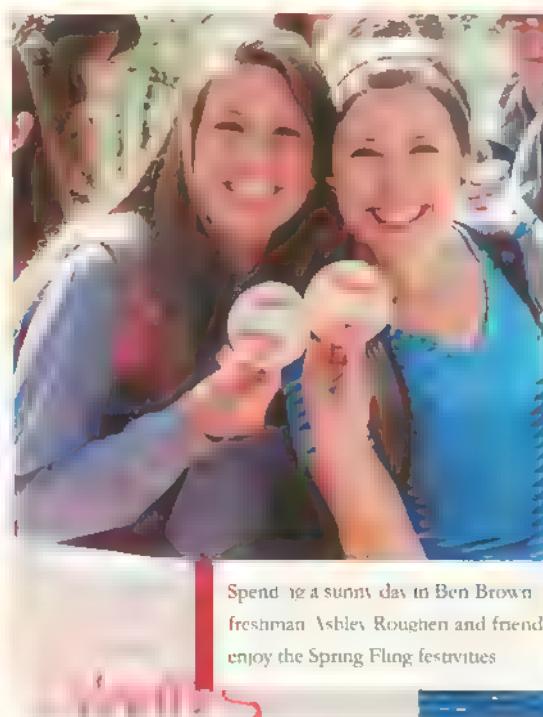
Birmingham Barons.

"Getting the chance to go to a Barons game with everyone was such an exciting part of Spring Fling," Barrett Tanner, a junior family studies major, said. "Opening Day is such a fun time at Regions Field, and experiencing that with Samford was exciting."

As the week wound down, students enjoyed the sunshine in Ben Brown Plaza as they captured their spring memories through the beach day photo booth

Samford welcomed The Lone Bellow and Setvn for a concert that night. Students enjoyed hearing these acclaimed groups perform on the Wright Center stage.

by ALEXANDRIA DA PONTE



# academics





Oh, Samford Alma Mater true  
Her halls shall ever ring,  
With sounding glories of the past  
With plans and future dreams.  
On knowledge that we seek, O Lord,  
We pray thy blessings true.

*With pride we pledge our  
hearts and minds, to the  
Samford Red and Blue.*

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# Academics

## New degree programs for Health Sciences

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by GRACE MISEROCH, CUMBERLAND COLLEGE

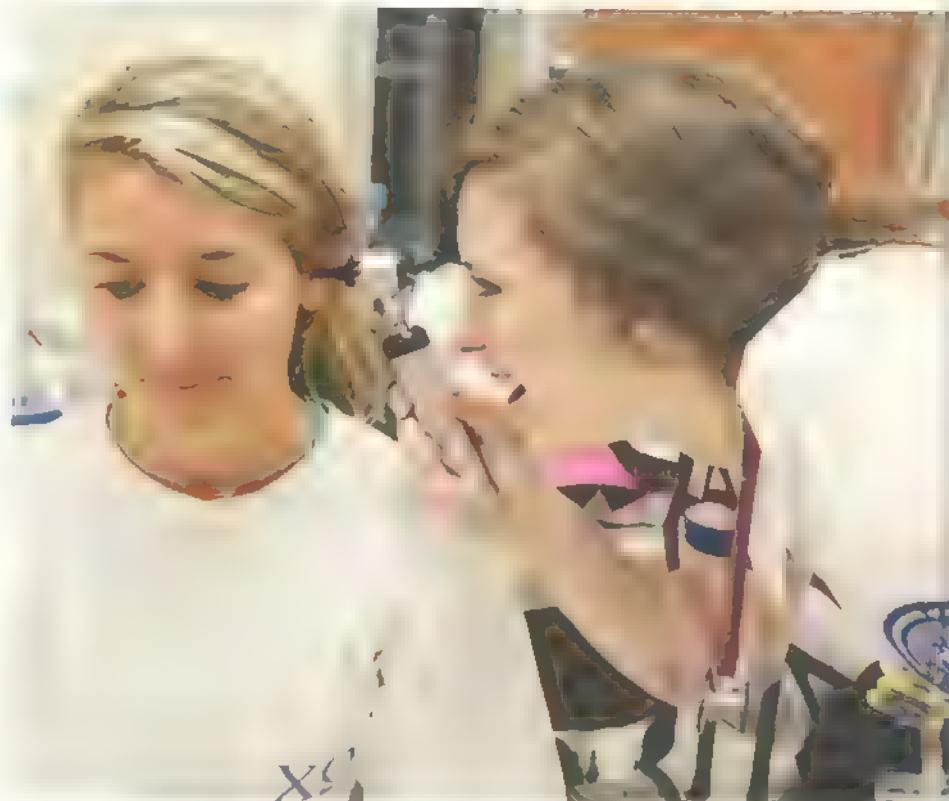
Samford's College of Health Sciences will add new undergraduate and graduate degrees for the 2014-15 academic year.

Dr. Nena Sanders, vice provost of the College of Health Sciences, said the first phase of the new programs will include bachelor's and master's degree in speech and language pathology. There will also be an internship in nutrition and dietetics, master's degrees in nutrition, social work and public health and a doctorate in physical therapy.

The College of Health Sciences, launched this fall, contains the McWhorter School of Pharmacy and Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing. Two new schools have also been launched under the new college, the School of Health-Related Professions and the School of Community and Public Health.

The School of Health-Related Professions will offer a doctorate in occupational therapy, a master's physician assistant degree, a bachelor's in health sciences, and music therapy and art therapy.

The new School of Community and Public Health will include a master's in global health, doctorate and master's in health care organization and policy, bachelor's in environmental health and hygiene, master's in emergency and disaster preparedness and policy. Bachelor's in dental hygiene and bachelor's and master's in health service administration and health informatics will also be added.



## Cumberland names Strickland new dean

February 6, 2014

## New Core Texts Program revitalizes freshman curriculum

October 21, 2013

# **Construction begins for new Brock Business building**

FEBRUARY 6, 2014

By CHASE CUNNINGHAM

Construction is underway for the Brock School of Business' new building. The construction should be finished in time for the fall 2015 semester.

The 73,000 square foot facility will house 11 classrooms, two computer labs, an Investment Portfolio Room, and a student business incubator. Samford hopes to host more events on-campus and attract local businesses with the community resource meeting room that can hold up to 400 people.

"We want to give them a reason to come to our campus," said Howard Finch, dean of the business school.

Vice President of University Relations Randy Pittman said that at the time the project was announced last April, Samford alumnus and Birmingham business executive Gary Cooney announced a pledge of at least \$12.5 million for the project. Since that time, many more gifts and pledges have come in. Overall gifts to the university through the "Campaign for Samford" were about \$183 million at the end of December.



## **Math professor Foreman remembered for humor, kindness**

MAY 7, 2014

By SYDNEY CROMWELL



Mathematics professor David Foreman died on Thursday, May 1 after an extended battle with cancer. Foreman had been part of the mathematics and computer science department since 1986.

Foreman is survived by his wife and his daughters Julie and Emily. His funeral is set for 2 p.m. today at Brookwood Baptist Church. Additionally, a Samford memorial will take place in Reid Chapel on Monday, May 12 at 3 p.m.

Students and professors have been leaving notes of remembrance on his office door in Ingalls Hall and sharing their favorite memories about Foreman.

Mathematics professor Jeffrey Powell recalled Foreman's quick wit, which made staff meetings and classes a fun time.

"He had a really dry, great sense of humor," said mathematics professor Jeffrey Powell. "Students absolutely loved him. [They were] always going on about how funny he is and he just really made that connection with them in a way that's really unique."

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# *Arts and Sciences*





*Howard College of Arts and Sciences, the largest academic college at Samford, provided students with an extensive range of disciplines to study during their undergraduate careers.*

Though many colleges and universities around the United States have moved toward professional degrees, the professors at Howard College have worked to emphasize the enduring ideas and values that have withstood the test of time. When Samford's fall enrollment reached an all-time high of 4,833 students this year, the college's faculty fought to keep class sizes low, providing students with intimate classroom settings and strong professor-student relationships. "Howard College and the Classics department has been my home at Samford for as long as I've been here," said Nathan Smolin, a junior classics major. "We have many amazing professors here, and their commitment to their students is unparalleled. The relationships I've formed therein will stay with me for a lifetime."

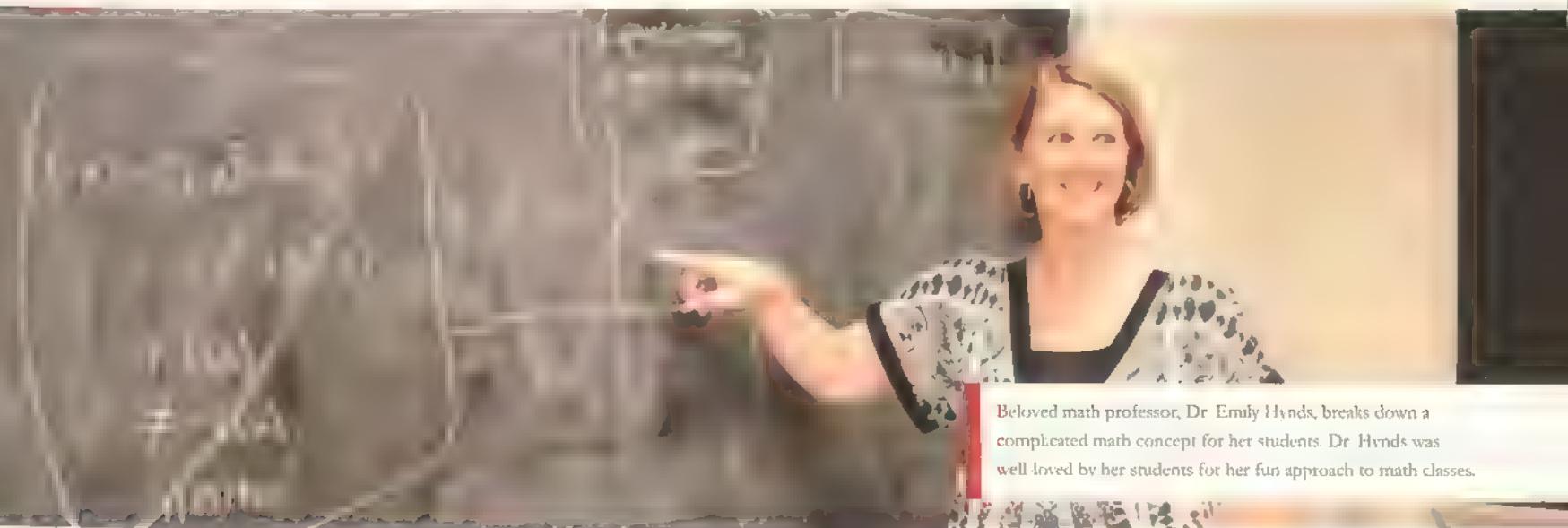
At the beginning of the academic year, Howard College introduced the John Howard Scholars program, designed to recognize outstanding Howard College juniors, give students an opportunity to serve on the Dean's student leadership team and provide an opportunity for students to participate in service projects that would enhance the mission of Howard College. At the end of the year, the Howard Scholars held a trivia competition with Howard College faculty. "One of my favorite Howard Scholar events was the trivia competition at our last meeting with selected professors," said Smolin. "Rules were challenged, emotions were high, and of course, Classics dominated as expected."

Howard College also provided students with a multitude of research opportunities. "One of the great benefits about being part of the Howard College is finding opportunities to work with professors on their research projects or on my own research interests," said David Bayless, a junior philosophy and physics major. Over a dozen Howard College students worked alongside professors on different summer research projects

Howard College hosted the 10th annual Old Howard 100 bike ride with a record breaking 420 riders. The ride took participants through three central Alabama counties and raised over \$5,000 for Sowing Seeds of Hope, a local cardio-vascular clinic staffed by Samford pharmacy students and professors.

This year, many prestigious organizations awarded Howard College students with scholarships and grants. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program awarded senior history major Zach Brown and freshman Classics major Stone Hendrickson with prestigious grants. Brown received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship for Tajikistan for the 2014-15 academic year. Hendrickson was accepted to the four-week Fulbright Summer Institute at Durham University in England, where he will study ancient Roman and medieval English history and culture while taking part in a major archaeological excavation in Binchester, the site of a Roman fort and town. Junior biochemistry major Rebekah Brooks was named a 2014 Goldwater Scholar. The honor provided her with a one-year scholarship, covering the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board.

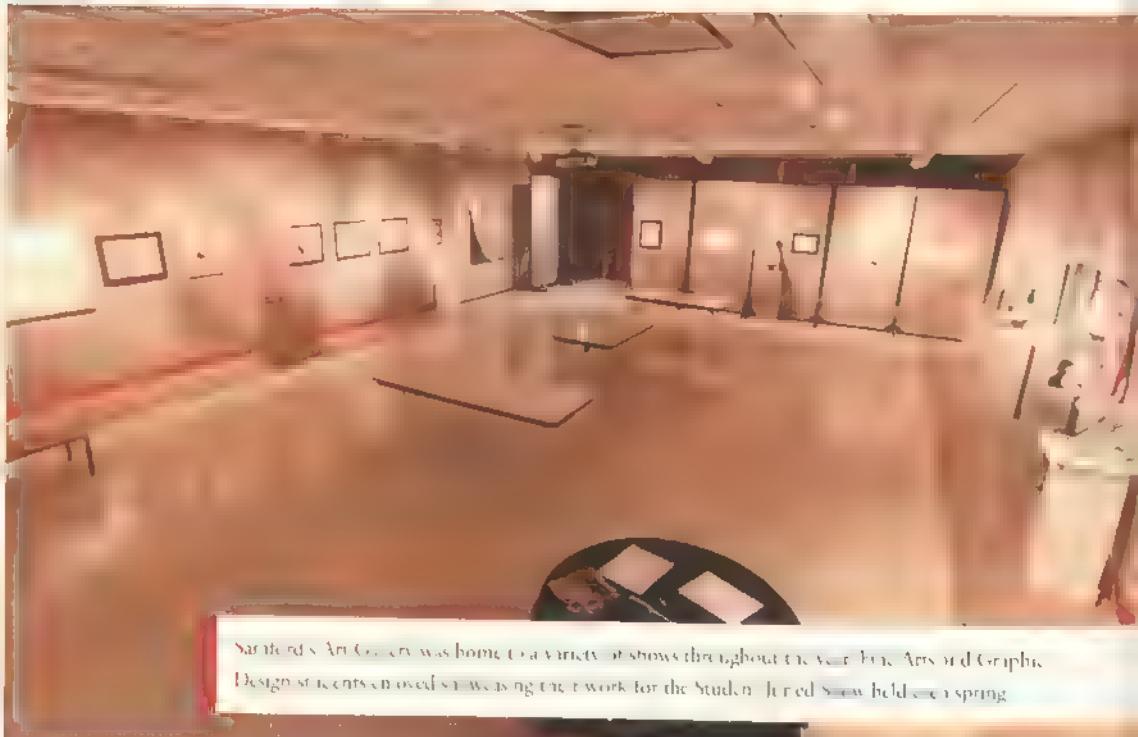
BY ALY HATHCOCK



*Beloved math professor, Dr. Emily Hynds, breaks down a complicated math concept for her students. Dr. Hynds was well loved by her students for her fun approach to math classes.*



# Fine Arts



Sanford's Art Gallery was home to a variety of shows throughout the year. Fine Arts and Graphic Design students enjoyed displaying their work for the Student-Juried Show held each spring.



**Samford School of the Arts** is much more than just a place for students to learn new material. No matter what major they come from, the bond School of the Arts students share is deep, and they take their craft seriously.

"Samford School of the Arts is a community of artists that share the same goal and purpose of creating art: to do everything in our power to perfect our craft while simultaneously glorifying the Lord in every step that we take," said Heather McCall, a musical theater senior.

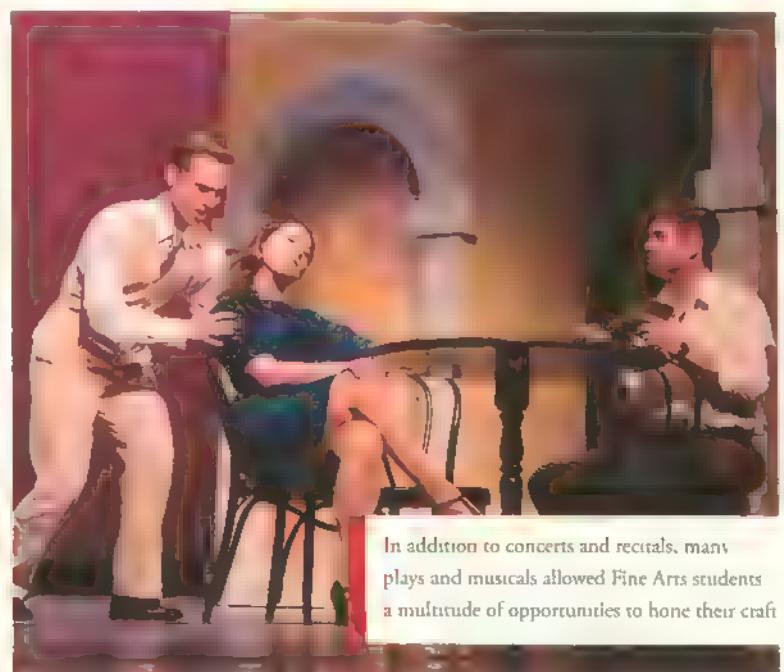
One of the most unique parts of the School of the Arts was the number of events the school hosted. "The art department hosted regular art shows in the gallery," said visual arts sophomore Torrie Richardson. "We got to meet the local artists during the receptions at the gallery when that artist's work is on display."

The school also provided students with many opportunities for hands-on learning and building their portfolios. Both art students and faculty entered pieces in the Salvador's Deli art gallery in the spring. Every piece of art had to be made entirely from food, and the proceeds from the gallery went to provide art supplies for Birmingham schools.

The theater department hosted a variety of student productions including *The Light in the Piazza* and *The Wizard of Oz*. McCall participated in both of these shows, as well as seven other theater productions and two Opera performances during her Samford career. She also performed overseas with Samford in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

This year, the fifty-seven students and faculty from Samford's orchestra and jazz band took a mission trip together to the Dominican Republic. They performed for a combined total of over 3,000 people. The bands also held workshops, demonstrations and master classes for Dominican students.

At the end of the year, the Department of Theater and Dance hosted an awards banquet to recognize the academic and performance accomplishments of students. Awards ranged from GPA rankings to design and leadership recognition. The students planned for this event a month in advance in order to make it a memorable evening for all involved. "It's a beautiful event that was very significant for the seniors in the theatre department and acted as a sort of farewell to those students," McCall said



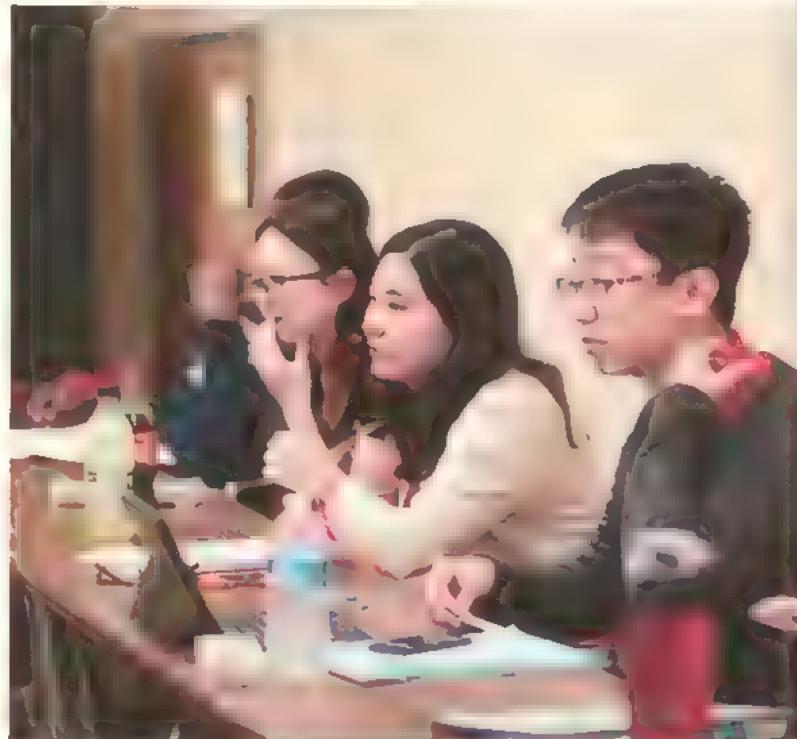
In addition to concerts and recitals, many plays and musicals allowed Fine Arts students a multitude of opportunities to hone their craft



# Brock School of Business



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*Brock School of Business was committed to delivering life-long education to its constituents through quality teaching, meaningful scholarship and servant relationships, imbued by its Christian commitment.*

According to Dean Howard Finch, "This is a pivotal time in the life of the Brock School of Business, with construction underway for the new building, new academic programs coming online and opportunities to expand the school's reputation and footprint, the future has never been brighter!"

Finch emphasized the business school's "goal to maintain the personal relationships and high quality business education during this time of

transition, while continuing to prepare future business leaders with a Christian Worldview."

Scott McKaig, a senior accounting major, said the Brock School of Business continued "to stay competitive with other universities in drawing top talent around the nation," even amidst many exciting transitions.

"Brock played a huge role in my experience during the four years of my time at Samford, going above and beyond anything I expected. Having professors who cared about me as a student and a person, courses that expanded both my business acumen, as well as my ability



to think ethically about the workplace and a community that pushed me to excel in all areas transformed me entirely," McKaig said.

In an effort to continue striving for excellence, the Business school began a state-of-the art technology and facilities advancement building project. Located directly behind the Harwell G. Davis Library and to the east of Mamie Mell Smith Residence Hall, the new Brock School of Business building will provide much needed classroom, office and meeting room space for the Samford community. A breathtaking glass atrium will be the center of this five-story building, but the true heart of the building will be a revived sense of learning, innovation and opportunity. The new building will include amenities such as an investment portfolio room, common areas for student collaboration, and a community resource forum able to host up to 400 guests.

Senior business major Daniel Denning said he "is confidently leaving

the Brock School of Business knowing I not only received a fantastic education but also the ability to confidently present myself and any businesses I am involved in."

After presenting his final business plan in competition during his senior year, Denning said, "Many of the other teams simply could not engage their audience or communicate effectively, but throughout my time at Samford, I often had the opportunity to present business to CEOs and board members, creating in me a deep confidence as a young professional."

Samford business students truly are set apart and prepared to excel at the career of their choice. Furthermore, they instill deeply that excelling in business and holding on to faith are not exclusive matters, but rather completely intertwined.



Groundbreaking on the new business school building marked an incredible accomplishment for Brock School of Business students, faculty and alumni. Construction began in the fall semester and continued through the spring and summer.

# Education

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The Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education was a second home to many students who were being taught and encouraged on a daily basis to make a positive impact on the world. Samford University's School of Education housed three dynamic departments that underwent changes in their academic names and structures to better engage students in their professional fields of study in the community.

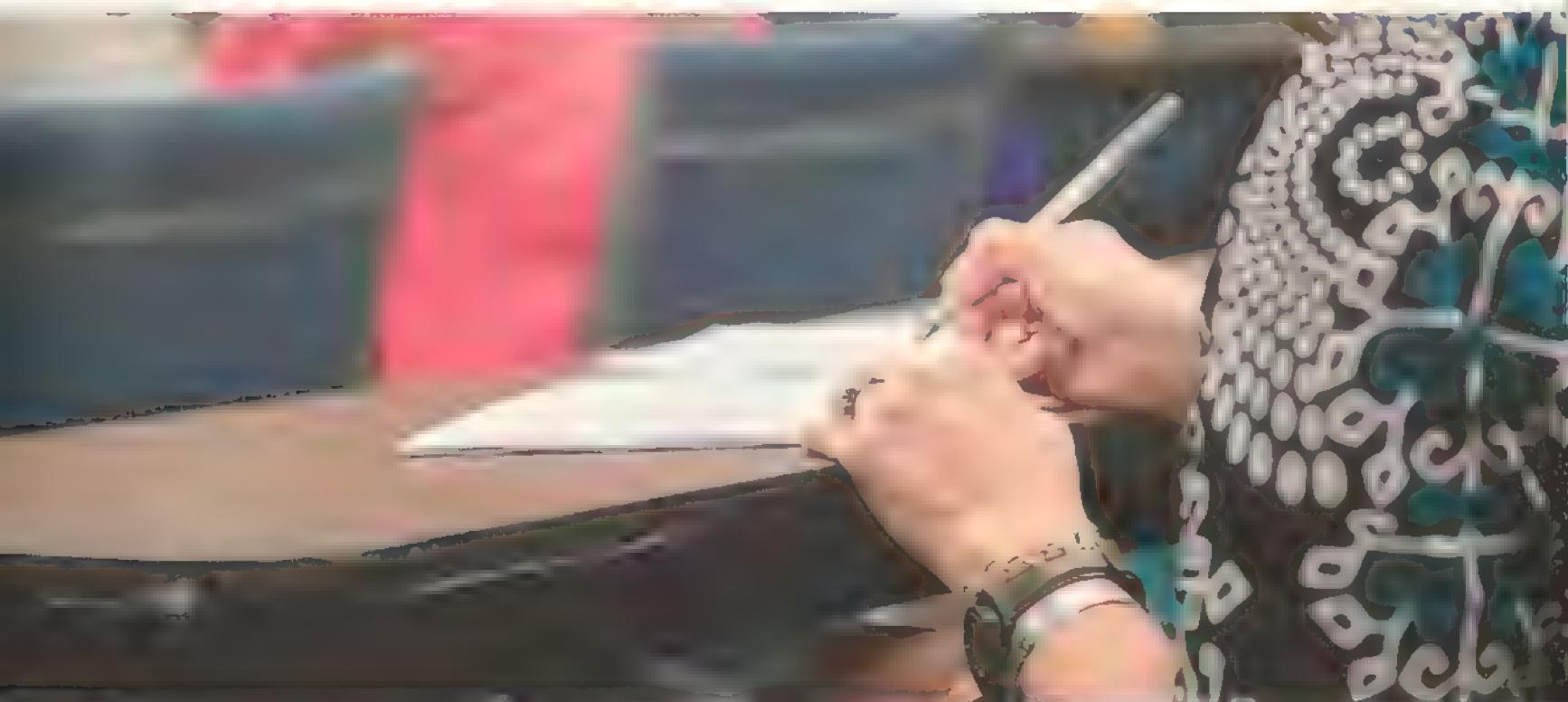
The Family Studies department was renamed the Department of Human Development and Family Life Education. This department included undergraduate programs in human development and family science with concentrations in child development education, child life and gerontology. Junior HDFE major Barrett Tanner said she "is beyond grateful for the new additions to the department, because we now have the opportunity to be prepared for a career in Child Life, which is basically advocating for children and families while they are in the hospital, as well as providing them with medical education."

The Teacher Education department was renamed the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. The Early Childhood Education/Early

Childhood Special Education/Elementary Education/Elementary Collaborative Education and the secondary education undergraduate programs were housed within this department. Tabitha Whitacre, junior ESEC major said she "has loved getting to spend time with the students at the various schools I have been placed. It has been an honor to show them Christ's love through teaching."

The third department encompassed graduate programs offered in the Department of Educational Leadership, including instructional leadership at the master's and educational specialist level along with online offerings for a doctorate in educational leadership.

Dr. Jeanie Box, dean of the education school, said "the faculty members of this School strive to be the best on a national level in teaching, scholarship, and service to prepare outstanding graduates who are successful in their respective fields of study." Furthermore, Dr. Box said the department "makes every effort to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to achieve academically, emotionally, spiritually, socially and professionally."



Leaders of the past present – students gathered together for DBBS homecoming events. The opportunity to interact in a formal setting was a bonding experience for the students and their



# College of Health Sciences



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Exercise Science students studied the effects of specific exercises on different parts of the body.

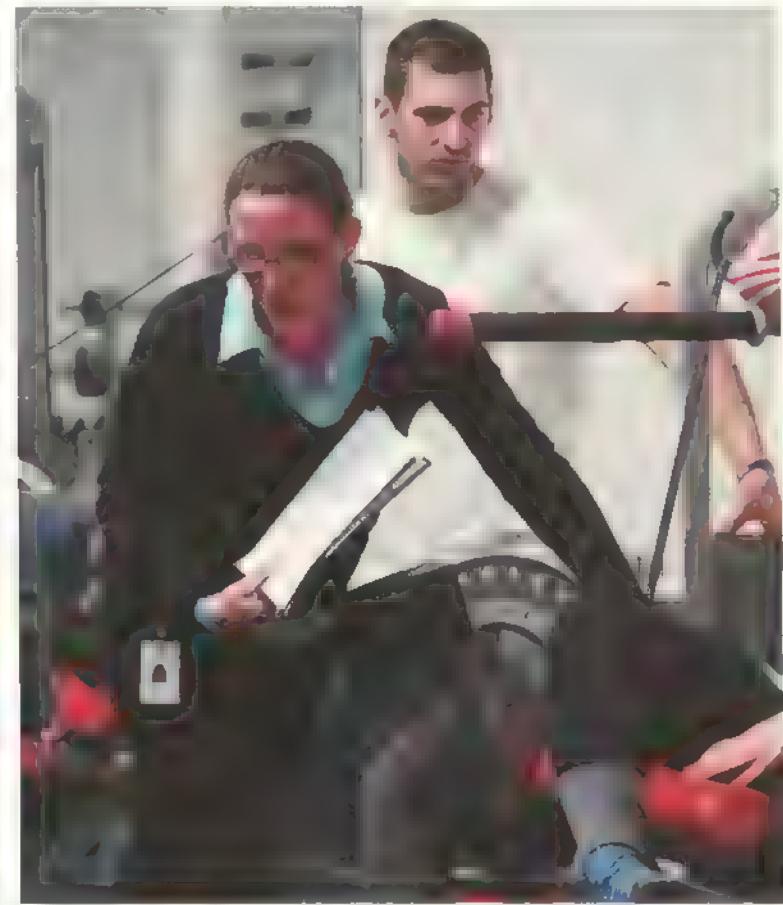
*After years of planning, Samford's College of Health Sciences (CHS) entered its inaugural year this year. The new college consists of the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, the McWhorter School of Pharmacy, the School of Health Professions and the School of Public Health.*

"Honestly, it's wonderful to have our own college now," said Rebecca Vander Veer, a senior nutrition and dietetics major. "Before this year, Nutrition and a few of the other CHS majors were affiliated with the School of Education and Professional Studies, where we were the 'professional studies' part. I think we fit a lot better in a college specifically designed for health sciences. I think the creation of the CHS will really benefit each major in many ways."

When asked why they chose to be part of the College of Health Sciences, several students cited the ability to apply what they learn in the classroom to real-world settings and scenarios. There is a tangible link between the theoretical knowledge and the practical application of that knowledge.

"I chose to study nutrition because of my love for science and my desire to help heal people," Vander Veer said. "The idea of becoming a dietitian was appealing, because I'd be able to study the science of the human body and apply my knowledge to helping people improve their lives."

At the core of the College of Health Sciences is the Center for Faith and Health, a center that provides a link between the academics at the College of Health Sciences and the Birmingham and international community. The Center is the headquarters of many initiatives. One such initiative is the pharmacy school's programs to bring quality health care to the impoverished areas in Alabama. The Center for Faith and Health development has also worked to help mobilize professors and students to serve on the international mission field by using their passions.



# Nursing



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*Hundreds of students worked to earn their nursing degrees at the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing. Though the journey was long and difficult, most nursing majors would agree all the work was worth it.*

"There's a lot of material to learn, a lot of tests to take and a lot of clinical to do," said sophomore nursing major Abbie Shimer. "However, once you immerse yourself in the nursing school atmosphere, the longer hours of studying become a norm. I believe that if you have a passion for nursing, then the challenging nursing curriculum is very rewarding."

The nursing major at Samford is different from many other majors at Samford

by ALY HATHCOCK

"Every major is hard in its own way, including the nursing major," said sophomore nursing major Katie Nelson. "It's more than just knowing definitions or what things are. You learn the difference between knowing material and really understanding the ins and outs of material in order to apply it to different patients and situations. The application aspect is huge."

One of the most talked about aspects of the nursing major is clinicals. The day before clinicals, students have pre-clinical, a time when they go to the hospital, get information on the patient they will care for the next day, and then interview the patient on how to best serve them. After going to the hospital, nursing majors head home, study the medicines their patient is taking, work to understand their lab results

and create a care plan for the patient. On the day of clinical, nursing majors are responsible for caring for their patient. They do everything from giving medicines, performing assessments of the patient, taking vital signs and doing whatever else needed to be done to serve their patient.

After graduating from the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, the new graduates take the NCLEX licensing exams to become a registered nurse (RN). Once this is accomplished the possibilities are nearly endless. Many new RNs will go straight into the nursing field, working at doctors' offices or hospitals. RNs also have the opportunity to go back to school to become a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner, or they can teach at a nursing school or specialize.

For some students, nursing provides a way to combine many of their

passions. "I like science, I like people, I like serving others – it all just fit for me," Nelson said.

Others cite the important role that nurses play in the lives of others. "As a nurse you have a unique way of touching and impacting many people's lives, not just physically but also emotionally and spiritually," Shimer said. Whatever the case, nursing majors would agree that between coursework, clinics and their nursing community, their lives have been transformed by their major.

Ida V. Moffett once said, "It takes courage to care, to open the heart and act with sympathy and compassion." This is the goal of the Samford student on the pathway to becoming a Moffett nurse, and it is this courage, compassion, knowledge and clinical skills that Moffett nurses graduate with.



During the Disaster Simulation, nursing students learned first-hand how to handle a worst-case scenario situation.

# *University* *Fellows*



A variety of fellows at the University of the Law School – eager to study for the Writing and Rhetoric exam. The Law track – extended version of a typical – occurred in

*University Fellows are a family of leaders and scholars. As they tackled intense curriculum, they continually invested in one another and shared a voice that inspired the Samford community to deepen their understanding of the world. The program included an in-depth study of Western philosophy, history, literature, science, rhetoric and theology.*

"In the past few years, we have produced 2 Fulbright Freshmen Scholars, one Udall Scholar, as well as many award winners right here on campus. We have graduates in positions of service across the country, as well as in Argentina, Rwanda, and Pakistan," Caroline Williams, the program's assistant director of admission, said.

The students in the program learned how to be leaders and respond to the surrounding world.

"I am now a much better reader, my writing has improved exponentially and I am able to use new sources and authors to support my opinions.

Fellows has helped me strengthen my understanding of the world and how I can make it better," sophomore history major Franklin Lowe said. The program was designed for the improvement and expansion of knowledge, and relationships and connections with older and younger students and faculty members were essential.

"I enjoyed having professors who were eager to invest in us as students as a privilege. They were always willing to help, not only with their classes, but with any academic endeavors. They encouraged and required excellence," sophomore vocal performance major Joylyn Rushing said.

The freshmen Fellows were welcomed into the family and made lasting connections with the upperclassmen members. In addition to having immediate contact to other campus leaders, the sophomore Fellows had the privilege to study abroad in Italy for Jan Term. This off-campus experience allowed the students to enjoy invigorating discussions beyond the classroom as they conducted their cultural studies firsthand.

by KRISTEN JACKSON



The 2014 University Fellows graduates gathered for a photo before the commencement ceremonies.



# *Study Abroad*



Samford offers a wide variety of academic opportunities, from classrooms in Birmingham to unique learning environments all over the world. There are more than 50 study abroad programs to choose from. All undergraduate students have the ability to study abroad and can choose programs that best suit their interests.

"Studying abroad is a great experience that everyone should have the opportunity to take part in. It allows you to see a different part of the world and understand other cultures. I went to Rome, Florence, and Bari in Italy with the University Fellows Program this past JanTerm. I learned about a whole new lifestyle that Americans do not have. It was great to be able to see in real life all that we have been learning about in Fellows," said Alex Woodard, a sophomore psychology major.

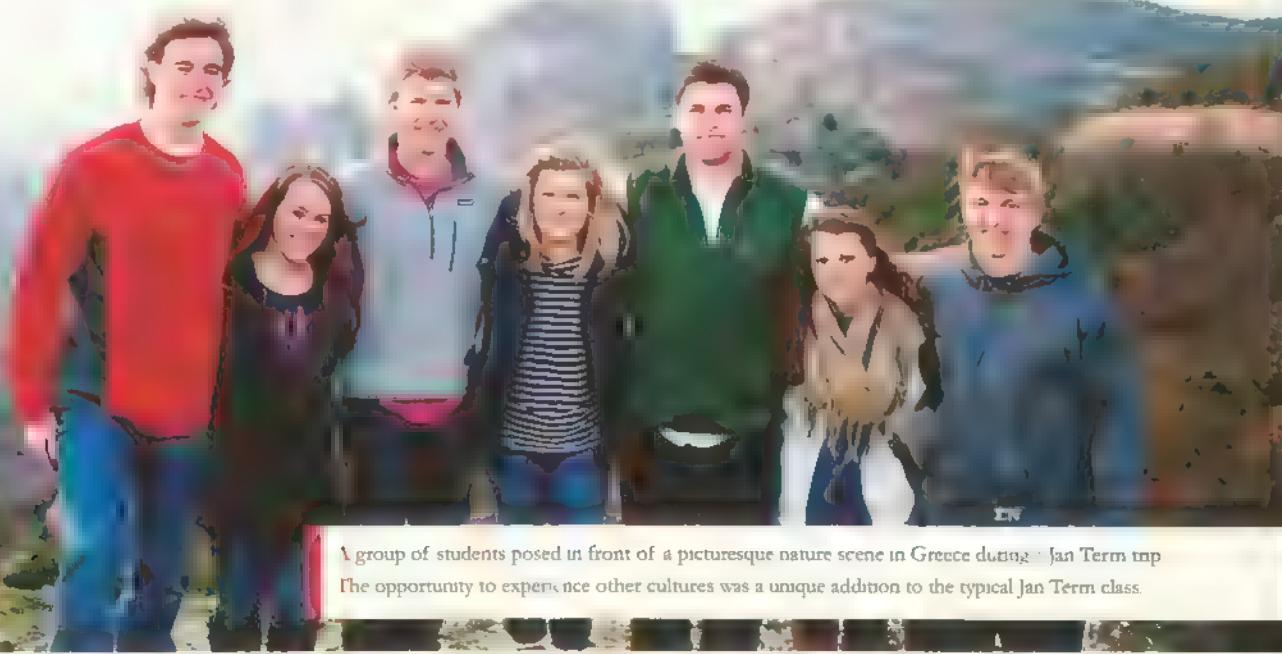
"Probably the best part of Costa Rica for me was being able to be immersed in a Spanish-speaking country learning the language at a high level and travelling around Costa Rica experiencing the culture and traditions," said James Minor, a senior Latin American studies major.

Minor went to Costa Rica during Jan Term 2013 and still remembers his incredible experience.

There were study abroad programs year round. Students went to the Peruvian rainforest, downtown London and Caribbean beaches. However, some trips stayed in the United States, touring the American South and Yellowstone National Park.

"London was an amazing cultural experience. My favorite part was riding the tube and hearing three or four different languages at once," said Emily Sarver, a junior journalism and mass communication major. "I loved being around unfamiliar surroundings and having the chance to explore the city by many different types of transportation."

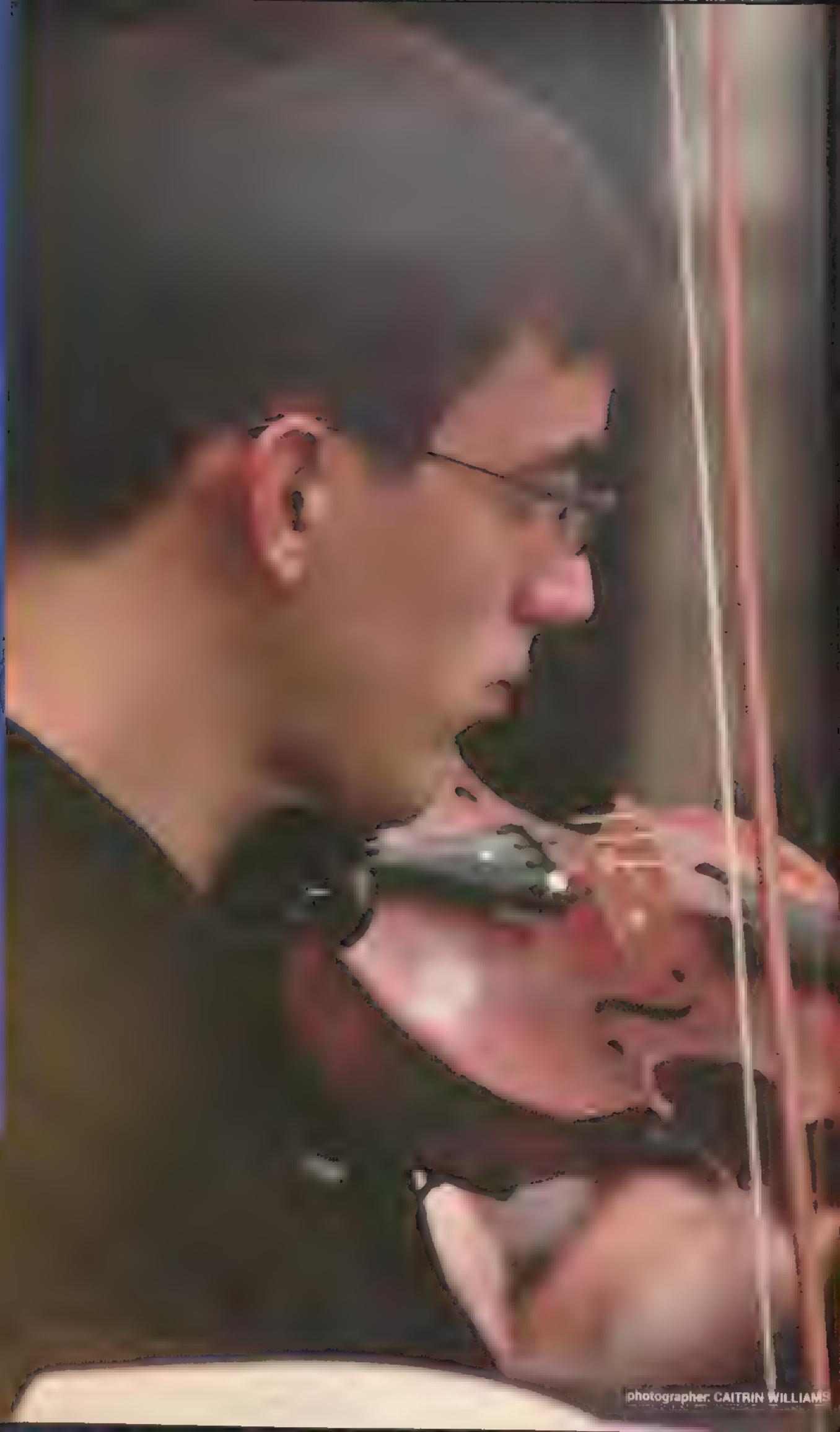
Professors accompanied students on the trips but also gave them free time to explore the countries. These travels gave students invaluable knowledge, both in academics and in life experiences as they overcame language and cultural barriers.



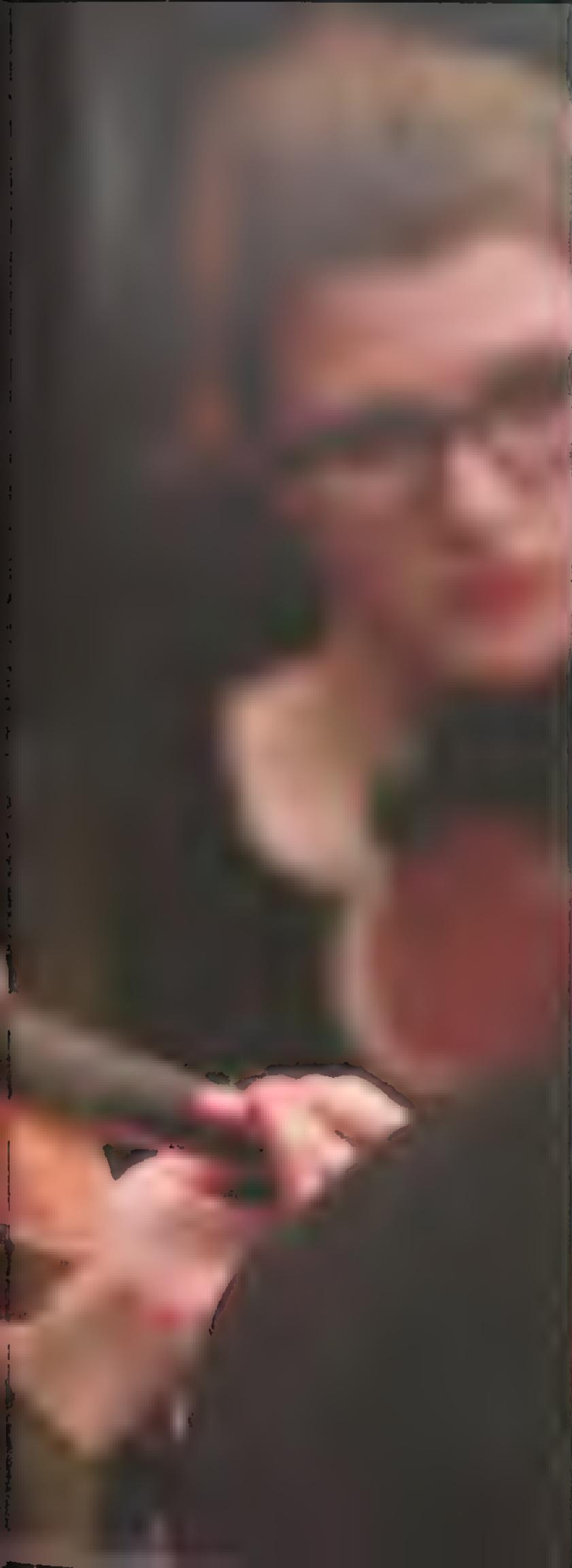
A group of students posed in front of a picturesque nature scene in Greece during Jan Term 2013. The opportunity to experience other cultures was a unique addition to the typical Jan Term class.



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Fight, Fight, Fight, for Samford Bulldogs,  
Go onward to victory.  
Oh, we'll wear the red and blue,  
Samford, we're all for you . . .  
And we love you, too!

***Fight, Fight, Fight, for  
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Go onward to victory.***

Oh, we'll give a cheer or two,  
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## **Wright Center receives a new energy-efficient roof**

*September 11, 2013*

## **A Cappella Choir performs at national conference**

*November 7, 2013*

## **Letterpress makes its mark on Samford**

OCTOBER 18, 2013

by CAITRIN WILLIAMS

Letterpress artwork from 81 artists will be on display in the 918 Letterpress Ephemera Show. Samford professor and curator of the show Scott Fisk said he envisioned this show years ago and feels blessed to make it a success.

"Letterpress is a rare and beautiful artistic process that many people are not that familiar with," Fisk said. The goal of the show is to share the beauty of the medium with the Birmingham and Samford communities.

The theme of the show is letterpress ephemera. According to the show's website, [letterpressephemera.com](http://letterpressephemera.com), "Ephemera is defined as any transitory written or printed matter not meant to be retained or preserved. Examples of letterpress printed ephemera include: posters, greeting cards, pamphlets, postcards, tickets and zines."

Fisk believes that letterpress becomes more unique and special as the world becomes more digitally focused. "Currently, letterpress is making a comeback because people appreciate the tactile, hand-crafted quality that letterpress has," Fisk said. "When you visit the show, look closely at the work and you can see an impression on the paper. That impression gives the work depth, texture and space."

Out of over 500 submissions, the jury selected 130 works to feature in the show. The 81 featured artists come from 11 different countries around the world, including Switzerland, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Portugal, Italy, China, Belgium, Japan, Denmark and the U.S.



# **Art professor Vann leaves legacy of appreciation, inspiration**

MARCH 12, 2014

by CAITRIN WILLIAMS



Art professor Lowell Vann's long and deep history with Samford University will come to a close with his retirement at the end of this semester.

Vann began his journey with the university as a student in 1953 when it was Howard College and located in East Lake, where Vann and his schoolmates bunked in military-style barracks and were supervised by a housemother.

After obtaining his undergraduate degree from Howard, Vann went on to get his Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Alabama and his doctorate from Florida State University. He also pastored a rural church for a short time, taught art in a public high school for a stint and taught at the University of Alabama before returning to his undergraduate alma mater as a full-time professor.

Vann chaired the art department from 1970 until the early 2000s, along with teaching drawing, painting, sculpture and, most recently, pottery production.

## **Preparations proceed for 'The Pirates of Penzance'**

NOVEMBER 20, 2013

by FRANKLIN LOWE

The Samford Opera takes to the high seas with weekend's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance."

"Pirates" is the classic story of Frederic, an unhappy pirate apprentice played by 2013 graduate Cole Forehand and senior music major Russell Blackburn, and the women who love him—his elderly nursemaid, Ruth, played by second year church music graduate student Maggie Gill and junior music major Ellen Mitchell, and the lovely Mabel, played by voice majors sophomore Joylyn Rushing and junior Abi Benke.

Between the 30 cast members, 20 orchestra members and around 20 crew members, thousands of man-hours have gone into preparing for the production, which was cast in April.

Kristin Kenning, assistant professor in the music school and director of the opera, said "Pirates" is "an exciting collaboration between the Division of Music and the Department of Theatre and Dance."



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# Play Profiles



## MOON OVER BUFFALO

The audience that attended this performance was definitely in on a good laugh. Each member of the cast played a role that was entertaining, goofy and unforgettable. One could not forget the epic facial expressions made by Byron Turk, Jacquelyn Achord when he played a deaf, grumpy old lady, and Katie Beth Jewell's energetic performance that made audience members laugh.

photographer: PATRICK RAMSAY

## 12 ANGRY JURORS

Performed in Bolding Studio, 12 students made the audience feel that they were in a real-life jury room, witnessing 12 jurors argue over the fate of a man that has been accused of murder. One could not forget the performance put on by Alyssa Rambo's role as the juror who convinced all of the other jurors that the man was guilty. With an intense plot and no scene changes, it was clear that this production was a challenge for the actors. In the end, the actors did an incredible job!



photographer: PATRICK RAMSAY



## THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA

Performed right before Valentine's Day, this production made the season of love blossom early. Taking place in the 1950s, Margaret takes her daughter Clara to Italy for the summer. Little did they know that Clara would end up finding the love of her life, a young Italian man named Fabrizio. Making the audience both laugh and cry, this production inspired the audience that true love outweighs risks and doubt.



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## WIZARD OF OZ

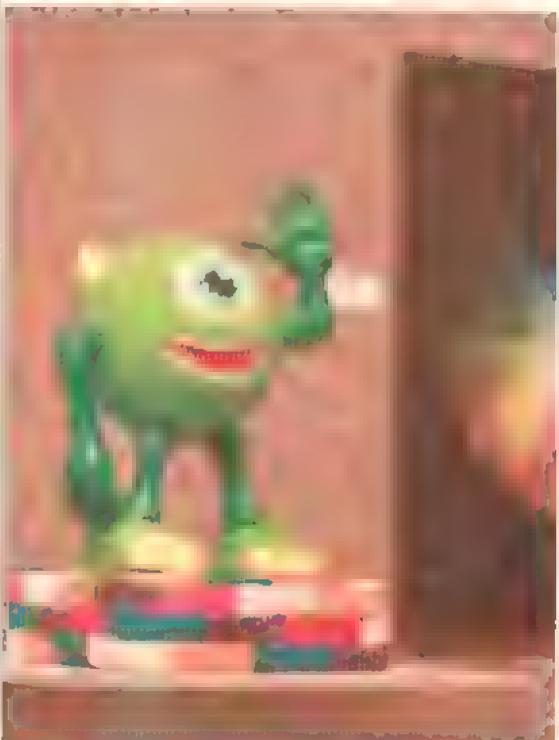
With a "steampunk" theme, the students involved made the audience feel that they were on the yellow-brick road with Dorothy and Toto. The extraordinary costumes were designed and made by students in the Department of Theater and Dance, showcasing their great talent. As the audience followed Dorothy's adventure, they were amazed by the choreography, singing, and acting. It was a strong end of the year for the School of the Arts.



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by PATRICK RAMSEY

# Visual Arts



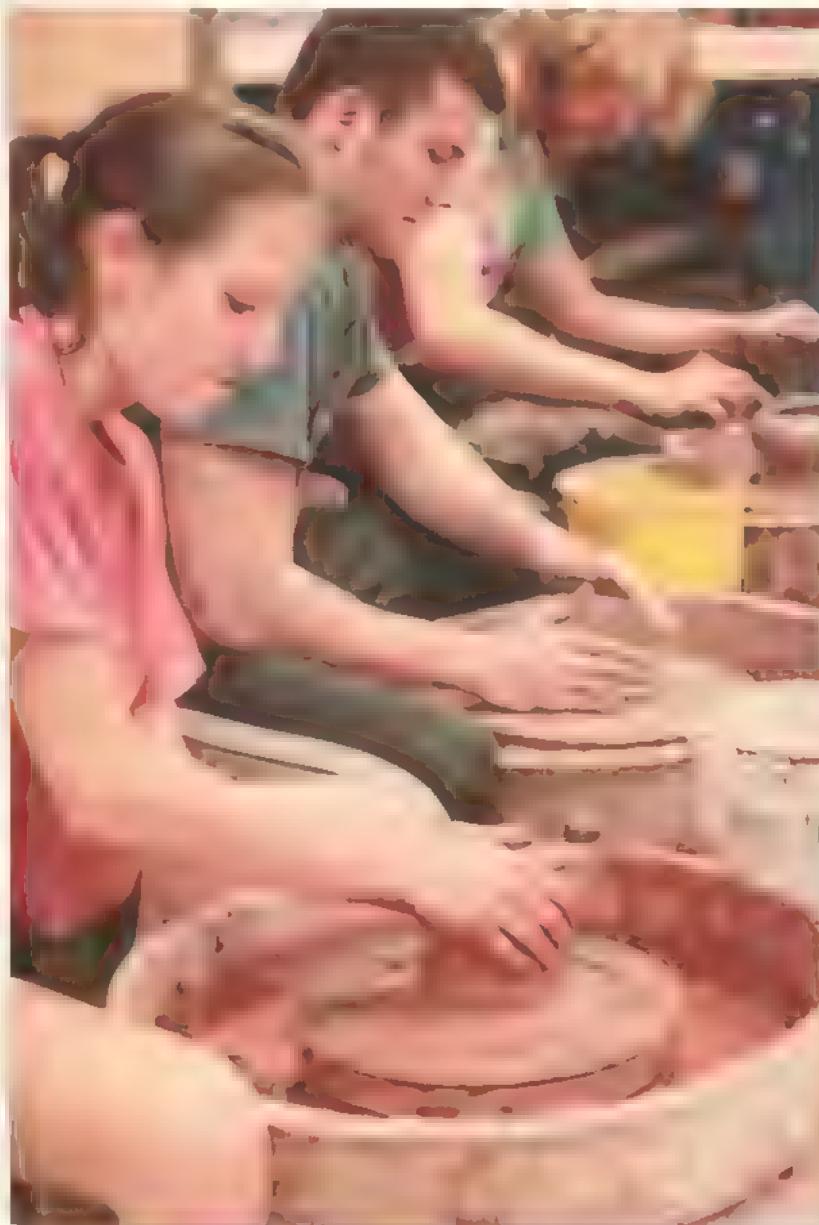
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*The mission of the visual arts department was to educate future artists who would go out and share their talents with the world.*

Whether in traditional studio media or the digital world of graphic design, the faculty sought to equip students with the tools necessary to become successful artists, designers and professionals in the fields of their choice. The environment of the department is one of creative excellence and patronage of the arts. The departments offer a BA/BS in Fine Art as well as a BFA in Graphic Design.

Junior fine art major Elizabeth Bacon believed that the fine art program at Samford University was the root of her new outlook and experience of visual artistry. She said the department “encompasses painting, drawing, ceramics, mixed media, et cetera,” offering a wide variety of experiences for students. Bacon said she was able to grow as an artist “because of the positive environment facilitated by the faculty and classmates, which allows [her] to explore and incorporate faith into [her] artwork.”

Scottie Lenning, a junior graphic design major, said she has enjoyed all of the late nights and challenging projects that accompanied her major because they allow students to “learn

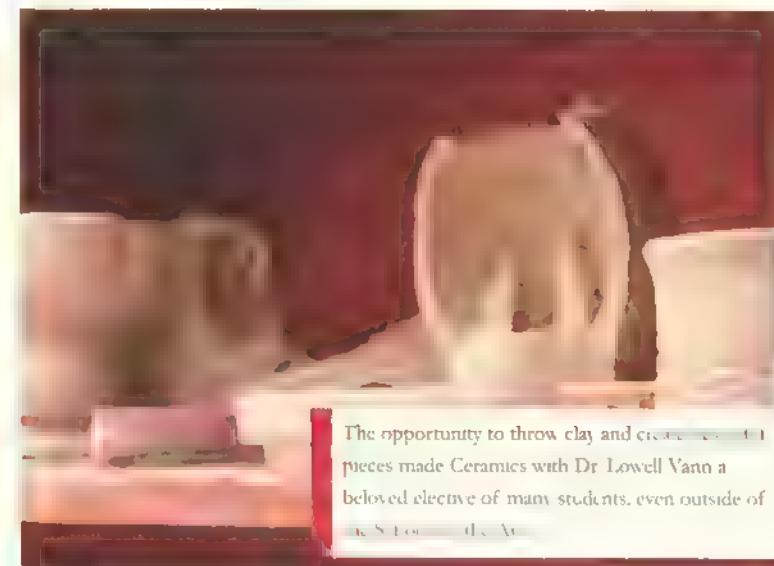


everything from branding to web design to advertising, among many other things.”

Graphic design is a great major in a growing industry. Lenning said her favorite part of majoring in graphic design was the confidence she had that the skills she was learning would be relevant to her future career.

Junior fine arts major Emily Elder said the degree “offers experience and growth in a variety of different mediums through courses in structure, painting, drawing, and ceramics that will prepare you for a job in any related field.” Elder had enjoyed working with world-renowned teachers as they guided and developed her talent.

As a capstone to each hard year of work, the Visual Art department hosted the Samford Art Student Annual Juried Show in the campus gallery to display the work of various students. The show provided an excellent opportunity to see how the majors were improving in their skill level each year. It also provided the Samford community the opportunity to come together and support these hard working and talented students’ work.



The opportunity to throw clay and create ceramic pieces made Ceramics with Dr. Lowell Vann a beloved elective of many students, even outside of Samford's Art Department.

# Gospel Choir



Photo: ©Rebecca Worch



*There's one group on campus who was dedicated to providing Gospel music "with a lil' bit of flavor in it,"* as Kyra Foreman, sophomore sociology major, describes it. The Gospel Choir was committed to praising and glorifying God through gospel music.

The choir developed and executed faith based activities both independently and in conjunction with other organizations on campus. It was established to encourage community and foster relationships within both the Samford community and the greater Birmingham community.

Foreman described the choir as "a small but continuously growing student led organization whose goal is to spread the message of Christ through alternative methods of praise and worship," including Gospel music and dance, and even a bit of rap on occasion.

The group met each week to worship, talk, pray and learn more about God and one another in a friendly and laid back environment.

As a leader in the organization, Foreman said she "made it clear that we were here to work hard for a higher purpose, but not without having the time of our lives and making strong bonds with one another."

This year's choir, as well as the previous groups and those to come, had a vision of every student having the opportunity to join together to be who they are and express that freely, as well as show who Christ is to the world.

From practices to performances, the Gospel Choir performed its best and "was always full of energy and collaboration in celebration of the Lord," according to Drew Patterson, a freshman sports medicine major.

This unified vision was the momentum behind the Gospel Choir's hard work this year.

Junior athletic training major McLanie Pippen said, "When you hear the Samford Gospel Choir, you hear a group of individuals praising a God who they know is awesome. When you see the choir, you see a diverse group of people coming together to worship the same Lord. But when you are in the choir, you feel a sense of family and you grow spiritually together as one unified organization."

Whether a participant or audience member, everyone stood to benefit from the encouraging, uplifting and exciting energy the Samford University Gospel Choir had to offer.



by JORDAN WEBB



# University Chorale



photographer: CAITRIN WILLIAMS



*Samford University Chorale is an ensemble group designed for students of all years, majors and abilities. The chorale, directed by Dr. Sharon Lawhon, is formatted like a class, with rehearsals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes provide students with opportunities to rehearse music and improve their musical abilities.*

*While many students participate in University Chorale as part of their School of the Arts major, many do it as a means of enjoyment.*

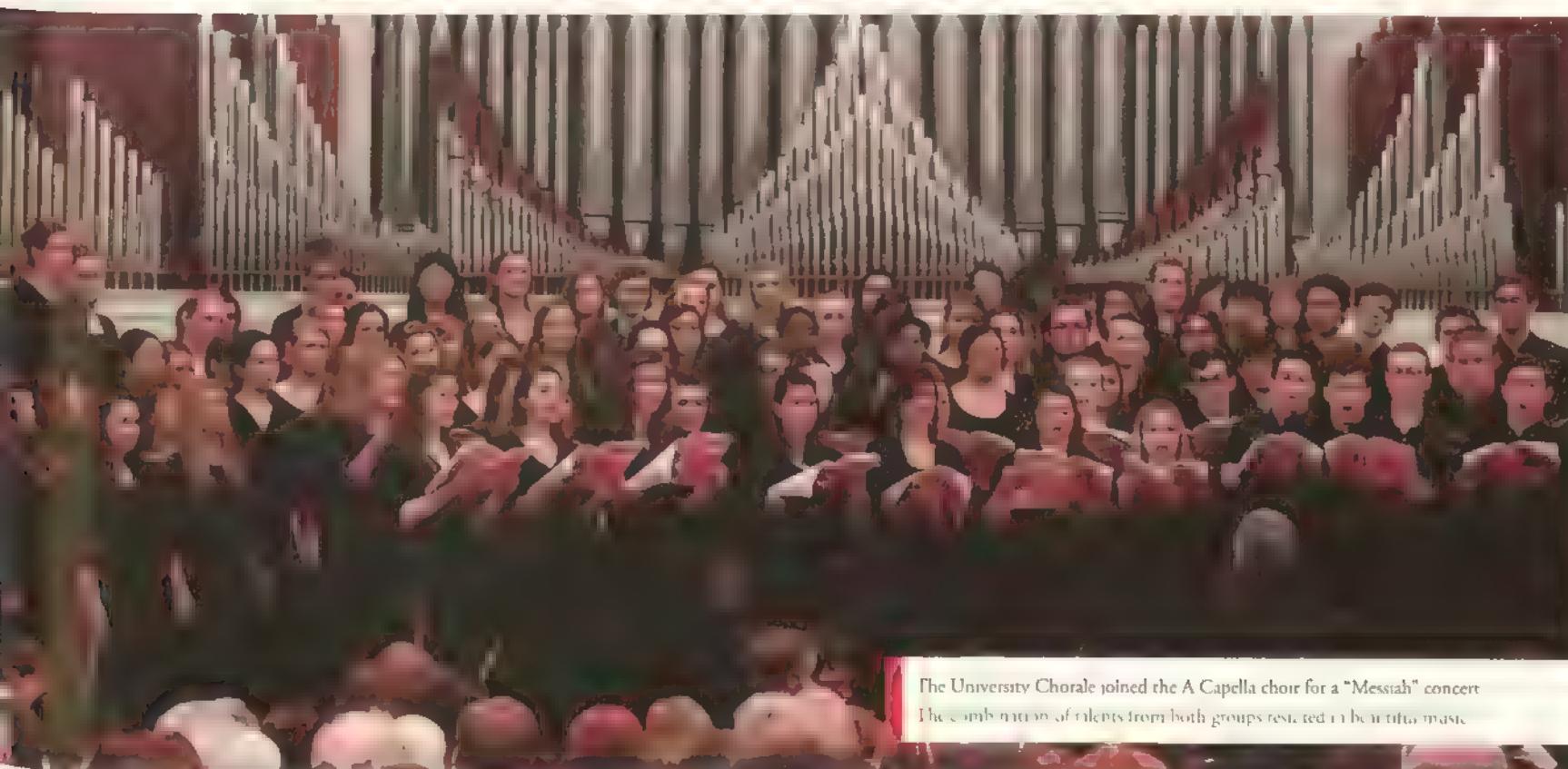
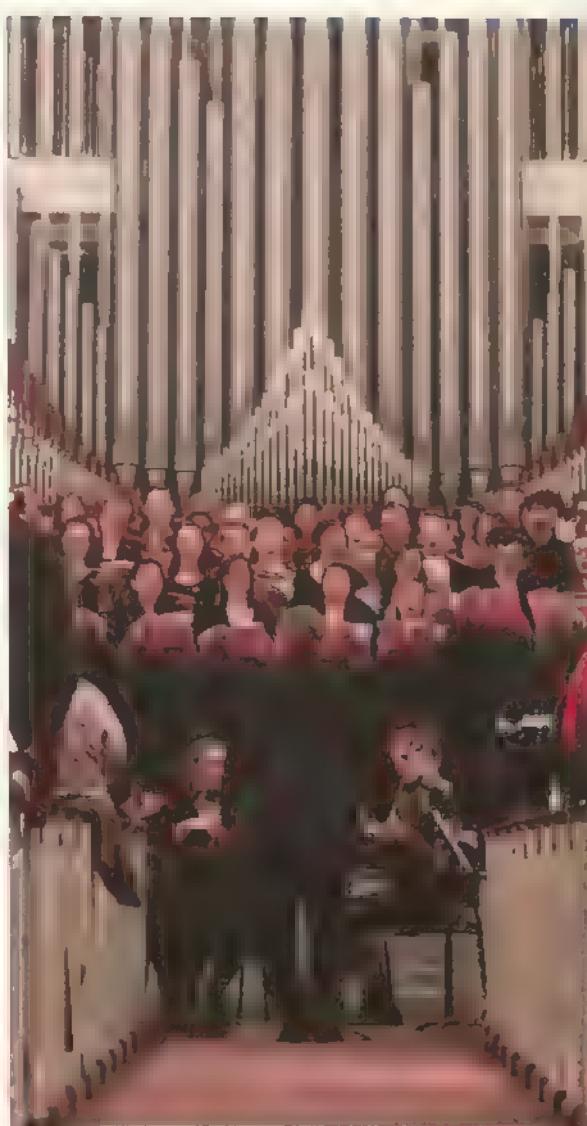
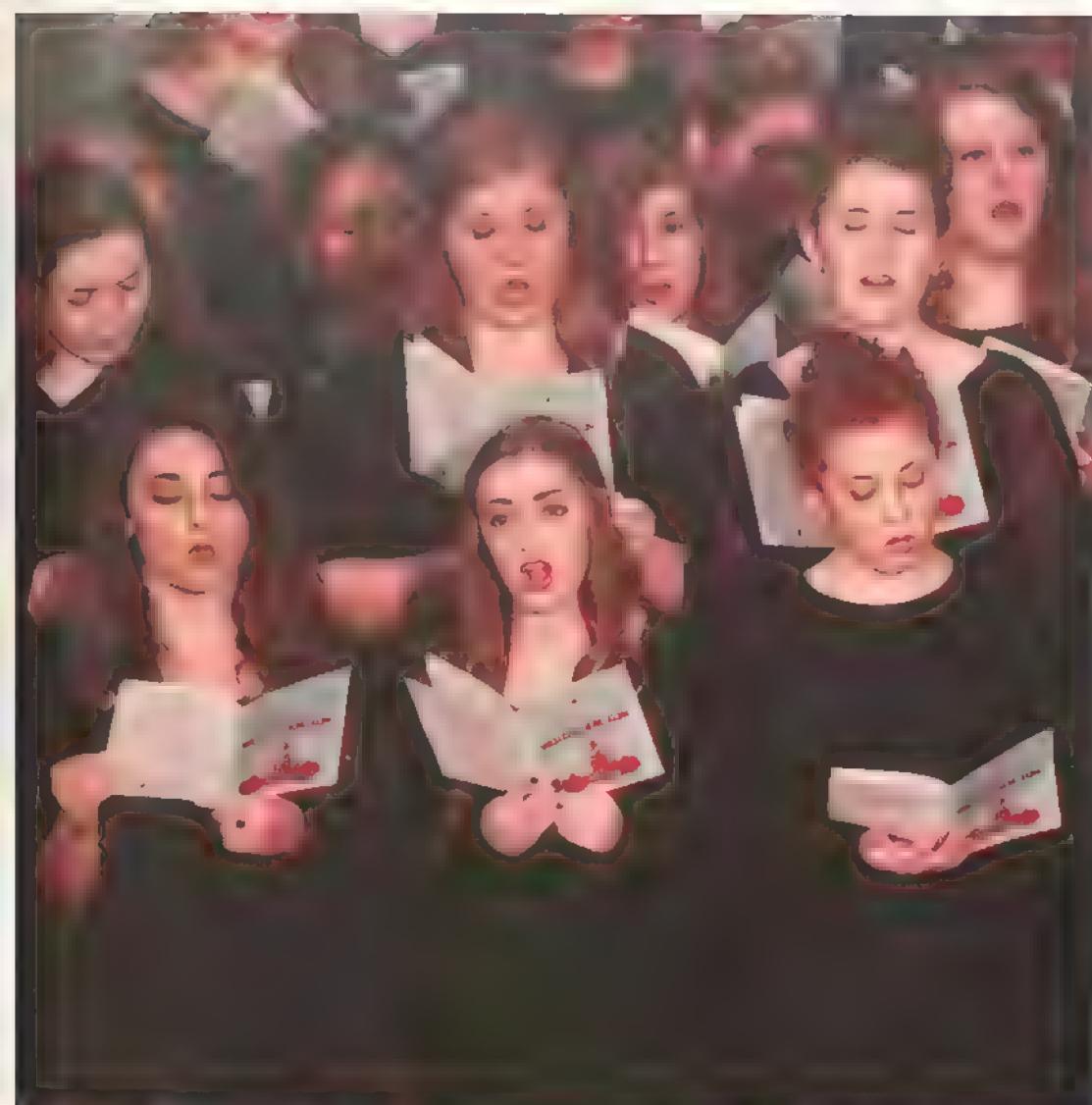
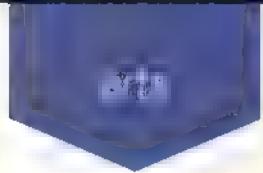
*I joined University Chorale first semester because it was a requirement for my major," said freshman music major Michael Ann Peavy. "I took the class second semester for the same reason, but I also changed my major. Even though University Chorale is not a requirement for my major, I plan to continue participating in the ensemble."*

BY ALY HATCHOCK

Kaleena Woodruff, a junior communication major, also participates in University Chorale. "Even though I'm not a music major, I love to sing," she said. "It's a lot of fun and can be a great form of stress relief. I've also met some of my really close friends through Chorale."

University Chorale performed multiple times this past year. This year, Chorale performed at the Hanging of the Green and later in the spring for an Easter concert with A Cappella Choir. The ensemble also performed at local churches and other local venues.

"My favorite memory from University Chorale was when we got to sing with Samford's A Cappella Choir," Peavy said. "When the two choirs joined together, the end product was a stunning performance."



The University Chorale joined the A Capella choir for a "Messiah" concert  
The combination of talents from both groups resulted in beautiful music

# *A Capella Choir*

photographers: CAITRIN WILLIAMS & ELEANOR



The Samford A Cappella Choir has a 75-year history of rich choral tradition. In 1939, Kathleen Martinson established Samford's inaugural A Cappella Choir. Since then, there have been five other directors, with Dr. Philip Copeland currently directing the group of 50 members.

The choir members describe themselves as "more than a choir." The group practiced together for five hours a week in Bolding Studio as they meshed rhythm, laughs, glorious harmonies and life as a close-knit family.

Junior piano performance major Katie Vest said, "A Cappella Choir has provided some of the most beautiful, corporate worship experiences of my life. The process of individuals working together as one instrument for the common goal of expressing God's splendor and majesty is unlike any other. I feel so privileged to be a part of this choir that strives for excellence alone."

The monthly Vespers series yet again provided worshipful evenings for the Birmingham community. The A Cappella Choir and University Chorale worked hard to prepare for singing in these uniquely structured worship services. The two choirs also joined together to sing the *Messiah* in Reid Chapel at Christmas and Easter—a masterwork by G.F. Handel

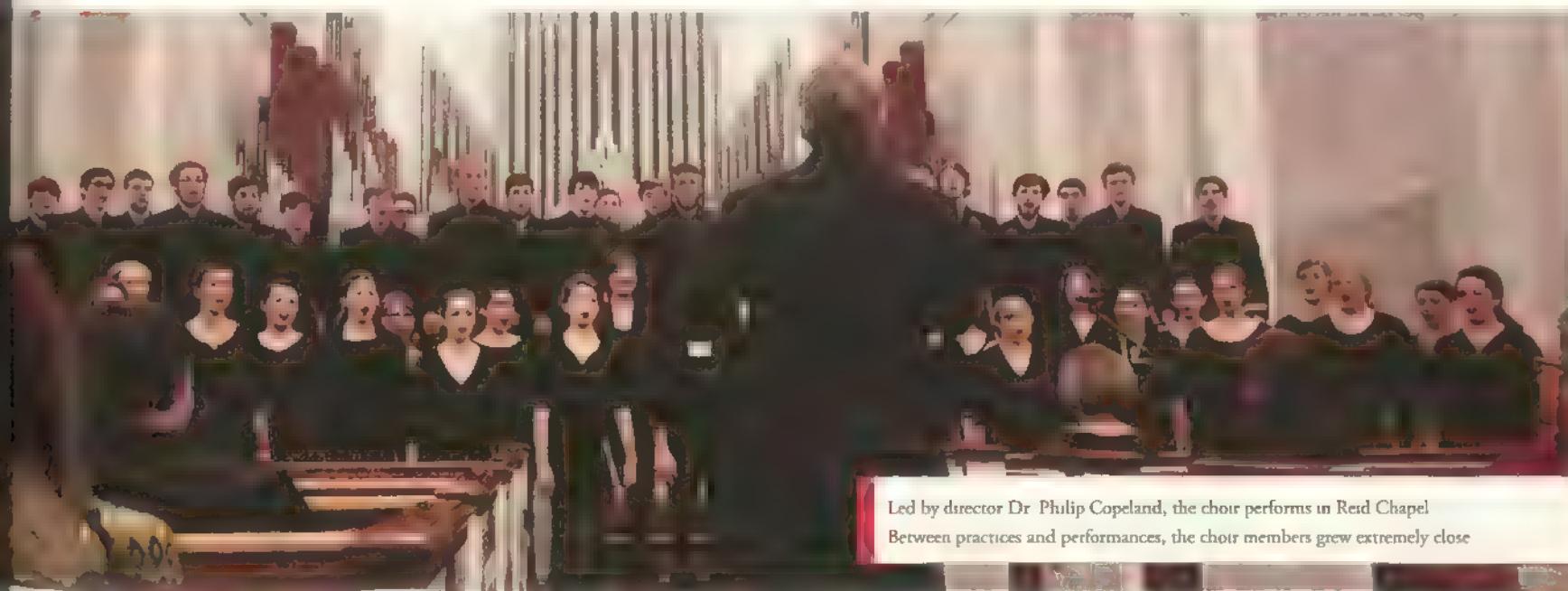
As a new development in the fall, the choir sang at hospitals and nursing homes around Birmingham. The choir recognized that their talents would be wasted if serving the community and singing frequently weren't a part of their experience as a group.

"I'm glad we've begun to share our love of singing with people who are in tough situations. These moments help us understand our rich sacred texts in the context of life's difficulties," said senior English and French double major Katie Little. "These opportunities also help us take the focus off of ourselves and connect our passion for music with the Birmingham community."

In addition to singing for special groups in the community, the choir caroled around Birmingham in December to fundraise for their Europe trip. They dressed in Dickens-style clothing for a fun Christmas feel. The choir also traveled to Charleston in October to sing for the National Collegiate Chorus Organization Conference that drew the most distinguished choral conductors from around the country.

From May 19 to June 2, the choir traveled to Hungary, Austria and France as they competed internationally against prestigious choirs from all over the world. Spending hours together on buses, airplanes and in sacred and famous spaces is always guaranteed to draw people together—this trip did just that for the A Cappella Choir.

by ELEANOR STENNER



Led by director Dr. Philip Copeland, the choir performs in Reid Chapel. Between practices and performances, the choir members grew extremely close.



# *Samford Opera*



photographer: FLICKR.COM STENNER





As the lights dimmed and the curtains rolled up, the cast of *Pirates of Penzance* came to life on stage for Samford's fall opera production. An opera brimming with wit, talent and personality, *Pirates* sold out every night, verifying the incredible talent on stage.

The music department has a rich history of producing lively shows with excellent content. The students involved are passionate about the arts and loved sharing it with the Samford and Birmingham communities.

Senior vocal performance major Bethany Orick said, "The production required tons of energy from all of us, but with such a great cast and a wonderful director, we were always able to bring excitement and fun to our performance. It always amazes me how so many people can bring their various talents to such a huge project and make it flow smoothly, but it works."

The opera was double-cast, meaning that both senior Russell Blackburn and junior vocal performance major Abi Benke played the lead roles on certain nights while Samford alumnus Cole Forehand and sophomore vocal performance major Joylyn Rushing played the leads on the others.

Blackburn, a music education major, said, "*Pirates* was a huge effort from all areas of the arts to bring lighthearted, comedic opera to people who wouldn't have been exposed to opera otherwise. I genuinely enjoyed every moment I had with the cast and crew."

by ELEANOR STENNER

*Pirates* was a huge success, but that was not the opera's only success this year. The spring cast performed five short scenes from famous operas in early April

The opera scenes consisted of "Falstaff" by Verdi, "The Secret Marriage" by Cimarosa, "West Side Story" by Bernstein, "Street Scene" by Kurt Weill and "The Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart.

Dr. Kristin Kenning directed the show, as she did for *Pirates of Penzance*. Junior music education major Taylor Stricklin benefited greatly from Kenning's direction. "Having entered college and never done opera before, I was thrilled to be a part of *Pirates of Penzance* and opera scenes," he said. "My favorite part was playing Figaro in Mozart's comedy. The music and plot are some of the best in all of opera."

Whether the School of the Arts presented operas, musicals, recitals or concerts, everything was done with excellence and for the enjoyment of both the performer and the audience.



Lauren Marino and her cast mates performed in the spring opera performance featuring a variety of different scenes



# Samford Dance



photographer: PAUL VAN DEVOURST



The students in the Department of Theater and Dance were some of the hardest working students at Samford. Their school days are full of university-required courses and courses within their majors, and, their evenings are filled with practices and rehearsals.

By MALLORY HARRIS

Throughout the year, the department's students have the opportunity to display their talents on the stage. Performances included *Momentum: A Dance Concert*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Light in the Piazza*, and *Wizard of Oz*. Out of all the performances of the past year, most students cite *Momentum* as their favorite performance. *Momentum* served as a way to remember and celebrate the life of Lakim Young, a Samford student who passed away last year.

Adam Cobb, a sophomore composition major, had the opportunity to choreograph for *Momentum*.

"Getting to choreograph for *Momentum* was a honor, because Lakim was one of my best friends," Cobb said. "Having someone come up to me after the concert and tell me Lakim would have been proud of my choreography made me cry tears of joy."

The memory of Lakim continued when they celebrated his birthday in Harrison Theater. "One of my favorite times this year was when we had a celebration in Harrison theatre to honor our friend Lakim Young," said Jocelyn Lonquist, a senior theater and dance major. "It was his birthday, and we played some of his favorite songs across the sound



system, while dancing and sharing memories of our sweet friend. We even had alumni attend that heard about the event and stopped by to share memories."

The Department of Theater and Dance doesn't always run the way a typical college department does. Classes are generally not held in a classroom; instead they take place on a theater stage, in the costume shop, in dance studios or even sometimes on the street.

"One of my favorite memories this year was when we took our dance class into the streets," Lonquist said. "We met for class at 8 a.m., and when we all realized what a beautiful day it was turning out to be, we knew that we had to take dance into the streets! We walked from the studio down

to a big park, and held our entire dance class in the park, while passersby gawked!"

"Mary Gurney has taught me everything I know about sewing," Cobb said. "She can teach anyone. Even if you swear on your life that you can't sew, she will find a way to teach you."

"The faculty in T&D is a real family," Lonquist said. "My teachers have taken me to the store to buy me medicine when I'm sick, cried with me when my grandfather passed away, rejoiced with me when I got my first professional job offer, flown all over the country to see me perform summer gigs and taken me to get ice cream when I've had a bad day. We truly are family."



Momentum Dance Concert showcased the talents of dance students trained and untrained dancers, through a collection of uniquely choreographed, worship dances.

# *Alpha Psi Omega*

*Alpha Psi Omega theatre honor society is a branch of a national organization "for the purpose of providing acknowledgement to those demonstrating a high standard of accomplishment in theatre and ... providing a wider fellowship for those interested in theatre."*

In the fall, members are chosen through an application process based on GPA and involvement in theatre and productions, both backstage and on the stage. After acceptance into the organization, the new members take part in a welcome week full of activities and bonding experiences including dressing in costumes, participating in an obstacle course and reciting a Shakespeare monologue. These activities give students an opportunity to show their fun side or aspects of their personalities that might not be seen in class. New members also receive their APO big brother or sister.

APO, which had about 45 members, provided a smaller community for those who are passionate about their craft to connect with one another and grow together. Members can get involved in different committees, including the Monday Night Live committee that plans the impressive variety shows enjoyed by theatre and non-theatre students alike.

by KATY FLINN

APO also partners with Underground theatre to enrich student-led productions.

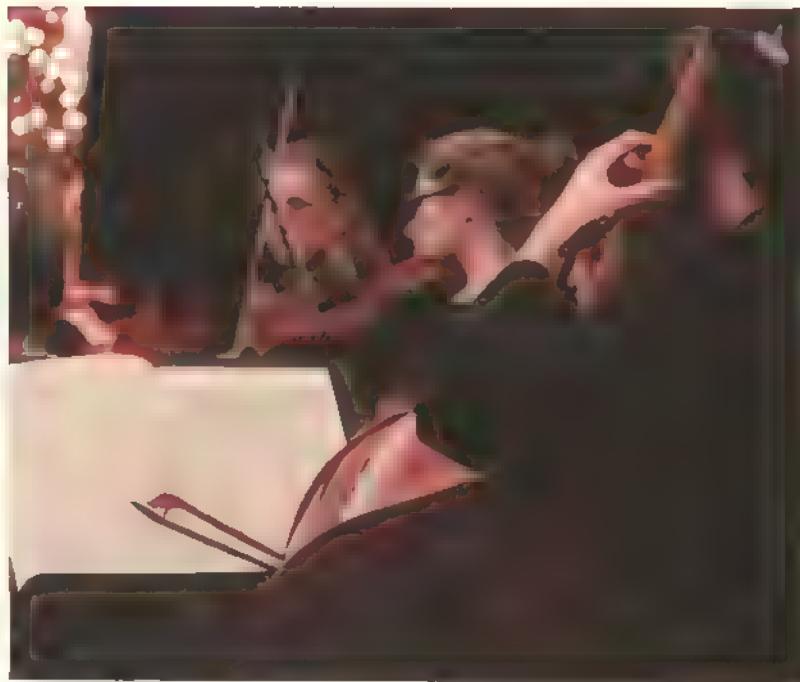
APO has taken the task of selling concessions at the shows, collecting the money earned for their philanthropy. This year the members of APO sponsored a boy in Ukraine through World Vision. They are looking into using their theatre talent and passion as a form of community service in the coming years.

Other activities this year included the annual "Bonies" end-of-the-year banquet and a tailgating tent during Homecoming, but a favorite new event was the haunted house at Halloween. Vice president Starr Peterson said, "I like seeing the beginning of something different to showcase what we can do." The event helped spread APO's name among students outside of the theatre department.

The future looks bright for APO as they continue to add programs and activities, but most important is the connection and deeper passion it is instilling in its members.



# Jazz Band & Orchestra



*Samford's jazz band and orchestra moved beyond the walls of Brock Recital Hall to put on a successful season in atypical locations.*

In the fall, the jazz band performed a fall concert and provided entertainment for the School of the Art's annual Jazz night. More than 50 students, both music students as well as those from other departments, came to Boren Courtyard for a night filled with live jazz, dessert and swing dancing. The event was a success and a key fundraiser for the music department.

Dr. Vilunas, Orchestra conductor, spoke proudly of the orchestra after the fall concert. "This was far and away the best we have played together," Vilunas said. "We are proud and excited about the rest of the year." The orchestra also had the opportunity to

perform in another setting as they led a church service at Mountaintop Church in Vestavia

This year culminated with what Samford hopes to be a new tradition, as 57 students and faculty of the orchestra and jazz band went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. While in the Dominican Republic, members of the jazz band and orchestra held workshops for the Dominican students and performed in several venues. In Punta Cana, the jazz band played a concert for over 300 people, many of whom had never attended a live concert. The orchestra held a concert in a Baptist church in Santo Domingo for about 1,500 people.

The directors of both the orchestra and jazz band were greatly pleased with this season of performances and look forward to spreading the gift of music in the upcoming school year.

# *Delta Omicron & Phi Mu Alpha*

photographers: ELEANOR STENNER & CAITRIN WILLIAMS



*Delta Omicron and Phi Mu Alpha are known for their bonding musical talent and their great attitude in the community. The groups dedicated their time to utilizing their talents for the betterment of the lives of those around them.*

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is the world's oldest and largest national music fraternity. The Samford chapter is a "tight-knit group of brothers who share common ground in music and a belief that it can benefit the community, the school and lives of those around us," according to this year's president, Jay Jasper, a senior finance major.

The group grew close as they bonded during operas, various gigs and

musical tours. Each event allowed members to enjoy each others company while sharing their talents and love for music with other

The fraternity adopted a special mission, the Mills Music Mission, which they served by singing at hospitals, nursing homes and churches as a way to bring joy to people.

With the largest chapter in recent history, the Omicron Gamma Chapter of Delta Omicron, a professional international music fraternity for female students majoring or minoring in music, grew in both members and involvement this year.

by JORDAN WEBB

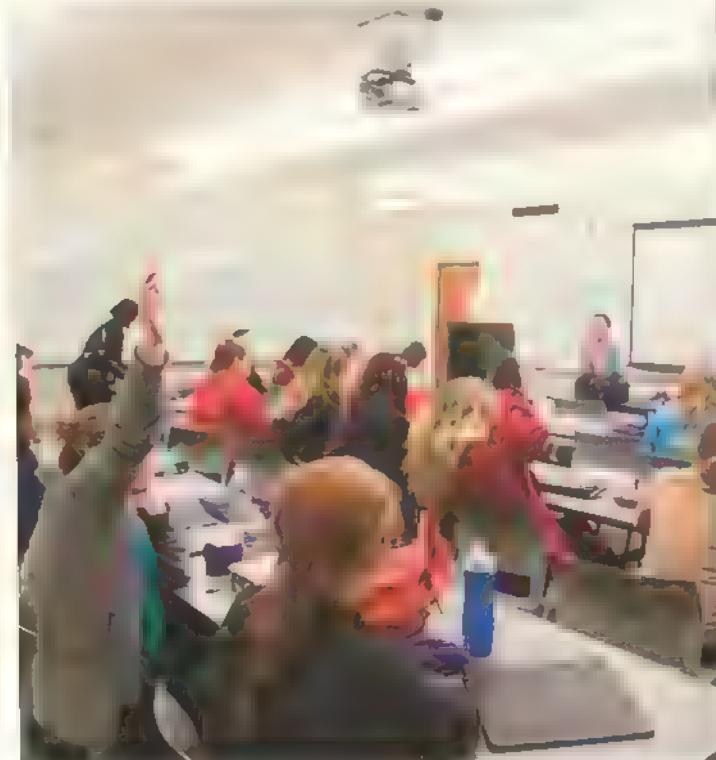


"The members were extremely dedicated to serving the local community and upholding excellence in music through service at the Ronald McDonald House and various other music performances," said this year's president, senior music major Rebecca Rafal.

Mrs. Connie Macon, the Delta Omicron music faculty sponsor, said, "Omicron Gamma was consistently recognized nationally as one of very few chapters of excellence. To maintain this annual award, the chapter met high standards for music service, scholarship and campus service."

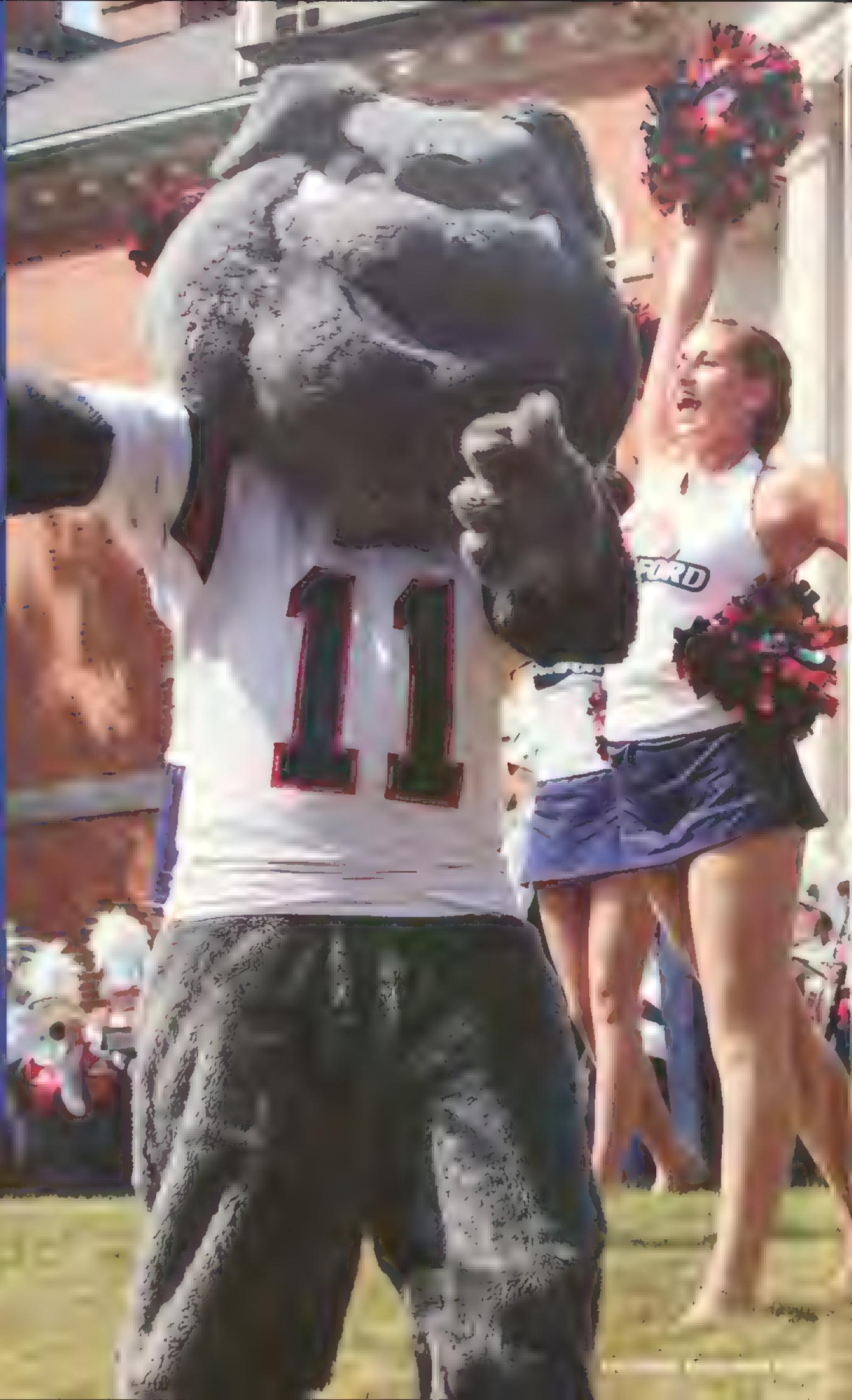
These two talented groups host a jazz night alongside each other every fall. Jasper said, "This year we had over a hundred guests, a few amazing jazz combos perform and lots of swing dancing."

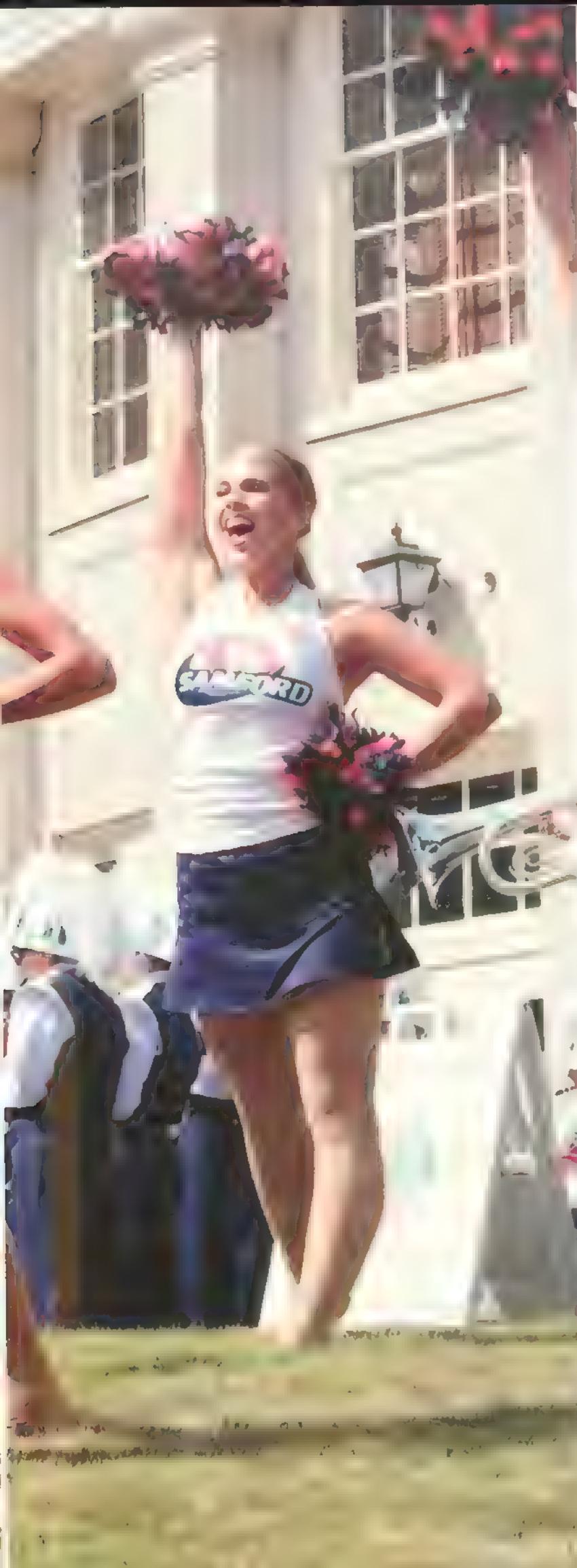
In the spring, the two groups partnered again to host the annual Delta Omicron/Phi Mu Alpha formal. Phi Mu Alpha and Delta Omicron also frequently performed joint recitals, which were open to the public for members to display their impressive talents.



Several members of Delta Omicron met up to take photos before one of their functions.

# athletics





Fight, Fight, Fight, for Samford Bulldogs,  
Go onward to victory.

Oh, we'll wear the red and blue,  
Samford, we're all for you . . .

And we love you, too!

Fight, Fight, Fight, for Samford Bulldogs,  
Go onward to victory.

*Oh, we'll give a cheer  
or two, Samford, we're  
all for you . . .*

**Fight! Fight! Fight!**

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# Athletics

## Football leads SoCon after win at Wofford

OCTOBER 30, 2013

By CORRY MULLIGAN, Samford Sports Information

The Samford football team sits atop the Southern Conference after a 34-27 win at then-No. 12 Wofford Saturday afternoon. With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 6-2 overall (4-0 SoCon) and jumped from No. 22 to No. 15 in the Sports Network poll. The Bulldogs are the No. 19 team according to Division I-FCS coaches, appearing on that poll for the first time this season.

The Bulldogs accumulated more yardage and first downs than Wofford but lost the turnover battle, giving the ball away four times compared to none for the Terriers. Most of Samford's 407 yards came through the air as fifth-year senior business major Andy Summerlin threw for 259 yards and two touchdowns, despite throwing three interceptions.

Senior public administration major Kelsey Pope reeled in eight of Summerlin's 26 completions for 62 yards and thus became Samford's all-time leader in career receptions.

"Obviously, it is a great accomplishment, but it would not have been possible without any of my teammates," Pope said. "They all do a great job of consistently being reliable which allows everyone else to play well."

## Volleyball honors Neisler, sweeps UNCG

October 19, 2013

## Crew team prepares for season

OCTOBER 2, 2013

By TAYLOR PALMER, Samford Sports Information

On Oct. 12, Samford's crew team will open its season at the 21st Chattanooga Head Race. The team will race against Georgia Tech, Georgia Vanderbilt, Clemson and a host of other crew teams in the regatta.

Senior biology major and crew team President Adam Beasley is ready to bring a new wave of excitement about the crew team to Samford.

I wanted a more open-door policy with recruitment, Beasley said. "Now we advertise as much as possible at the beginning of each semester. This year it looks like we will be inviting around 20 new members, our largest recruiting class ever."

# #SamNotStan campaign sells 500 shirts in under two hours

MARCH 5, 2014

by SYDNEY CROMWELL, Samford Crimson



If the university's new marketing campaign is any indication, Samford students are tired of explaining the difference between their school and Stanford University. The #SamNotStan campaign sold 500 t-shirts, its entire inventory, on Feb. 27 in under two hours.

Director of Athletics Martin Newton said the campaign is intended to poke fun at the common confusion between the two schools. The idea was born when the father of an Oregon student-athlete designed a shirt with #SamNotStan on the front. Newton tweeted the picture to gauge student interest, and said he received at least 1000 positive responses.

"Most of us Samford students, faculty and staff can relate to having to correct people at some time," said Newton.

The campaign is also active on social media and a new website, [samnotstan.com](http://samnotstan.com). The website includes information about Samford's achievements that distinguish it from its California counterpart, as well as a map of states where the shirts have been sold. Currently, people from more than 30 states, including California, have bought a #SamNotStan shirt.

## Women's tennis knocks out Charlotte 49ers

MARCH 14, 2014

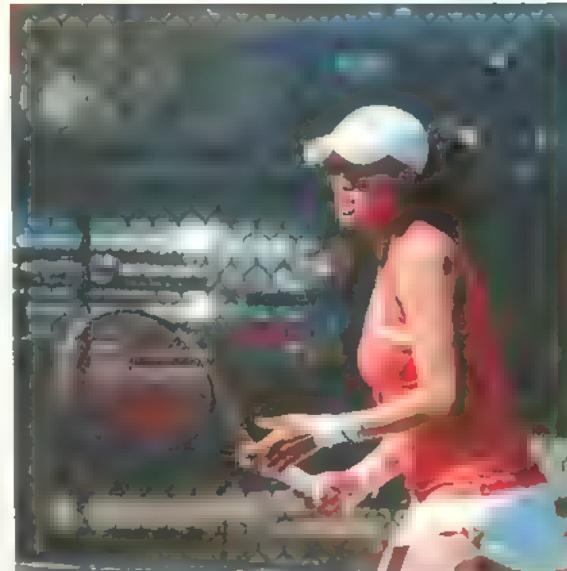
by CLAYTON HURDLE, Samford Crimson

The Samford women's tennis team continued its successful season Friday afternoon with a 6-1 home win over the Charlotte 49ers. The Bulldogs dominated in the doubles point, with wins of 8-6, 8-2 and 8-1.

In singles play, senior business major Emily Mallory suffered the only loss for Samford. The rest of the Bulldogs won in straight sets.

Sophomore pre-business majors Carita Moolman and Jessica Northcutt earned identical 6-1, 6-2 victories to win Samford's first two singles points.

"It was closer in the second set than it seemed, but it was good," Northcutt said. "I feel like I've been struggling with my forehand a little bit, and it was good to play a girl that made a lot of errors so that I could go after it and not worry about making too many mistakes."



# Football



The Bulldogs provided a record-setting, unforgettable season. A large group of students showed their support by following the team to their first game against Georgia State back in September where the Bulldogs lit up the Georgia dome and defeated the Panthers 31-21. As the season progressed the Bulldogs were able to defeat eight other teams, ending with an 8-5 record. It was clear that the team was unified both on and off the field. The entire campus was very involved with promoting game days, traveling to away games and cheering on the boys from the sidelines.

Athletic Director Martin Newton spoke very highly of the team, "We are excited about the progress our football program has made under Coach Pat Sullivan both on the field and in the classroom. Not only are we competing for SoCon championships on the playing field, but we lead the state in Academic Progress (APR) scores for all football programs, giving true meaning to the term Student-athlete. We are proud of our Bulldogs and appreciate all the support we receive from our alumni, students, faculty and fans."

Senior business marketing major, Kelsey Pope reflected on his years on the team and said, "This team has blessed me tremendously. I wouldn't trade my teammates for anyone."

While every game was filled with action, the Homecoming game was one to be remembered. Samford redshirt freshman place-kicker Warren Handrahan kicked a 43-yard field goal in overtime and led the Bulldogs to a 17-14 win over 17th-ranked Chattanooga. With this exciting win the Bulldogs improved to a 7-4 overall record and 5-2 in the SoCon. Seibert Stadium was filled with students who endured the rain and frigid temperatures to watch the Bulldogs pull out a win in the last few seconds of the game against Elon. Fans flooded the field and the Samford community proudly celebrated a share as the 2013 SoCon Champions.

For the first time since 1992, the Bulldogs traveled to the first round of the Division I-FCS Playoffs. Even though they were not able to pull off a win, the team celebrated their victory as SoCon Champions.

Birmingham native and senior Fabian Truss summed up the Bulldogs' season perfectly, "My favorite part of being on the team this year simply has to be just being out there with my brothers. After enduring the mental, physical and emotional journey of a student-athlete I can truly say that there can be no glory without pain. Everything that I went through such as 'do the little things right' is starting to make sense now."

By ALEXANDRIA DA PONTE



Samford defense blocks Georgia Southern's field goal attempt



# Cheerleaders

*The cheerleading squad was the pinnacle of pep for the Bulldogs. Cheering at all home games and away games, the girls made sure there was always an abundance of spirit in the stands. The squad always helped keep the excitement alive at the tailgates, on the field, or on the court.*

"The cheerleaders help create an atmosphere of excitement, support and school spirit. I particularly enjoy the football games but I love all of the sporting events that they support," Elizabeth Robinson, a senior international relations and Latin American studies double major, said.

When the Bulldogs went to Georgia Dome, the cheerleaders accompanied them for the chance of a lifetime.

"I loved cheering at the Georgia Dome this year. It was definitely my favorite game that I've ever cheered for," Leigh Ann Daniel, sophomore nursing major and squad member, said. It was such a cool experience being in the professional stadium, and we won. It was our first game of the season and I liked showing off what Samford cheer was all about."

BY ANA LEIGH MORTON

The girls threw different stunts, from pyramids to backflips, at each game and worked hard to make sure that the crowd stayed excited with spirit and the teams felt the Bulldog fans' support.

All of their high flying stunts, tricky tumbling and crowd-raising cheers did not come without a lot of hard work and dedication to their sport.

"This was my first year at Samford and in the few short weeks that I had with the girls before the first game, they worked incredibly hard," said Ashley Phillips, head cheerleading coach. "The cheerleaders aimed to surprise the Bulldog crowd with something new every game."

They even went off campus to promote Bulldog spirit in the Birmingham community. The girls passed out posters, pom poms and posed for pictures at the Bulldog Bash at Brookwood Mall.

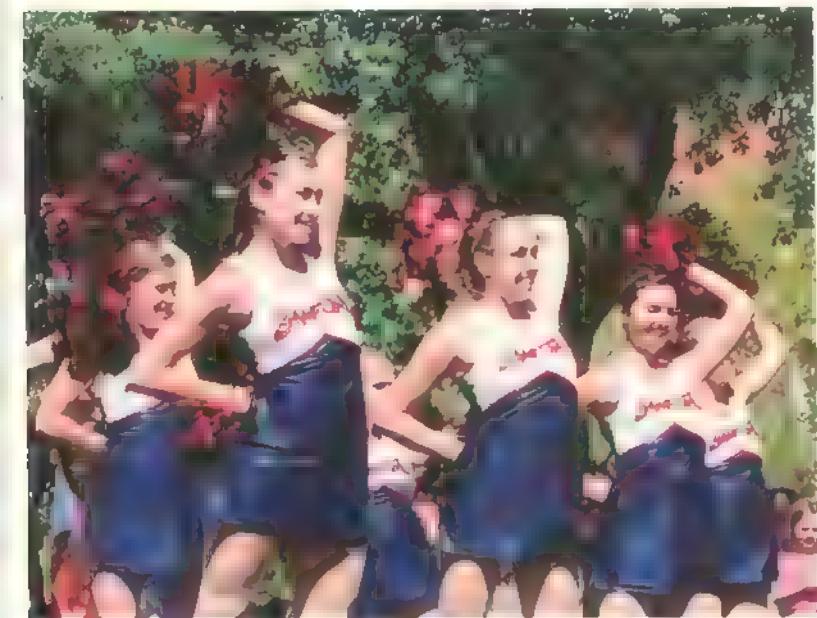
Students always came out to support their teams and with the help of the cheerleaders, there was always an abundance of energy at the games.



Students joined in with the cheerleaders to encourage the Bulldogs at home football games.



# Bulldog Dancers



The Bulldog Dancers were a vital part of the Bulldog Walk, exciting the crowd as the football players made their way across the quad and into the fieldhouse.

*The Bulldog Dancers came out to support their Bulldogs at every possible event. The girls danced at home football games, men and women's basketball games and even graced the Step Sing stage.*

At each events, the dancers combined talent and passion for dance with excitement for Samford to create a spirited environment. Whether joining the Marching Band and Color Guard for a football halftime show or teaming up with the cheerleaders at a basketball game, these ladies always brought their best.

"Being a member of the Bulldog Dance Team this past year has shaped my freshman year at Samford. My teammates are my best friends and being a part of a team with such incredible girls has been the highlight of my year," said Caroline Burchett, a freshman nursing major. "I enjoyed getting to know the band during camp this past summer and even having a Band Family who we had the privilege to

perform with at football games."

"The Bulldog Dancers provided a fun and lively aspect for all of the Samford sporting events! They always kept the crowd energized and spirited," said Alex Woodard, a sophomore psychology major.

"I absolutely loved seeing the Bulldog Dancers at all of the sporting events. They had the best costumes and routines. They were always my most favorite part of going to a game. I cannot wait to see what they come up with next year! They are so talented," said Chris Matthews, a junior communication studies major.

The Bulldog Dancers clearly loved what they did on the field, on the court and on the stage. Our school had more spirit because of the excitement that the Dancers had all around campus.

# *Marching Band*



photographs: CAITRIN WILLIAMS & PAIGE VAN DE VUURS



*Did you hear? "Samford U's Got Soul!"*

If you took an evening stroll across the quad, it's impossible not to hear the Marching Band brushing up on some of their catchy tunes, such as the drum line's specialty, "Drop It Like A Shot."

The band kicked off the season by making an appearance at the Georgia Dome for their first performance. The talented group had the privilege of experiencing a grand audience on the actual field while spending quality time getting to know each of their fellow players.

"An established group of young men and women had the opportunity to come together and share a passion for music," said sophomore

BY KIMMIE JACKSON



**Marching Band member Clayton Hurdle's enthusiasm for the Bulldogs and his saxophone were unparalleled. Hurdle's spirit was infectious among the band.**

religion major and snare drumline member Camille Honts.

The band cheered on the Bulldogs in style, both in the stands and on the field during the halftime shows.

When the Bulldogs faced the Georgia Southern Eagles, the musicians were joined by the Vestavia Hills High School Rebel Band to perform the Armed Forces Medley to honor the men and women currently serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

"Band is like one big family," said freshman pre-med and music major Loralee Shoffner.



# Color Guard

Samford's color guard teamed up with the marching band to help provide visuals for the band. The eight-member team worked hard to provide spectators a fun, exciting experience by spinning flags, rifles and sabers.

Senior Captain Kyndall Spooner, a senior accounting major, enjoyed performing in the football stadium. "One of the best feelings is being out on the field at half time with the lights shining down on you and knowing that you just performed a perfect show," Spooner said.

The team practiced every day for the two weeks leading up to the fall semester and twice a week during the semester. The color guard's hard work was evident in their performances. Spooner was responsible for helping to choreograph each routine. "I helped pick out the song, count the beats and phrases of the music and choreograph work that fit the

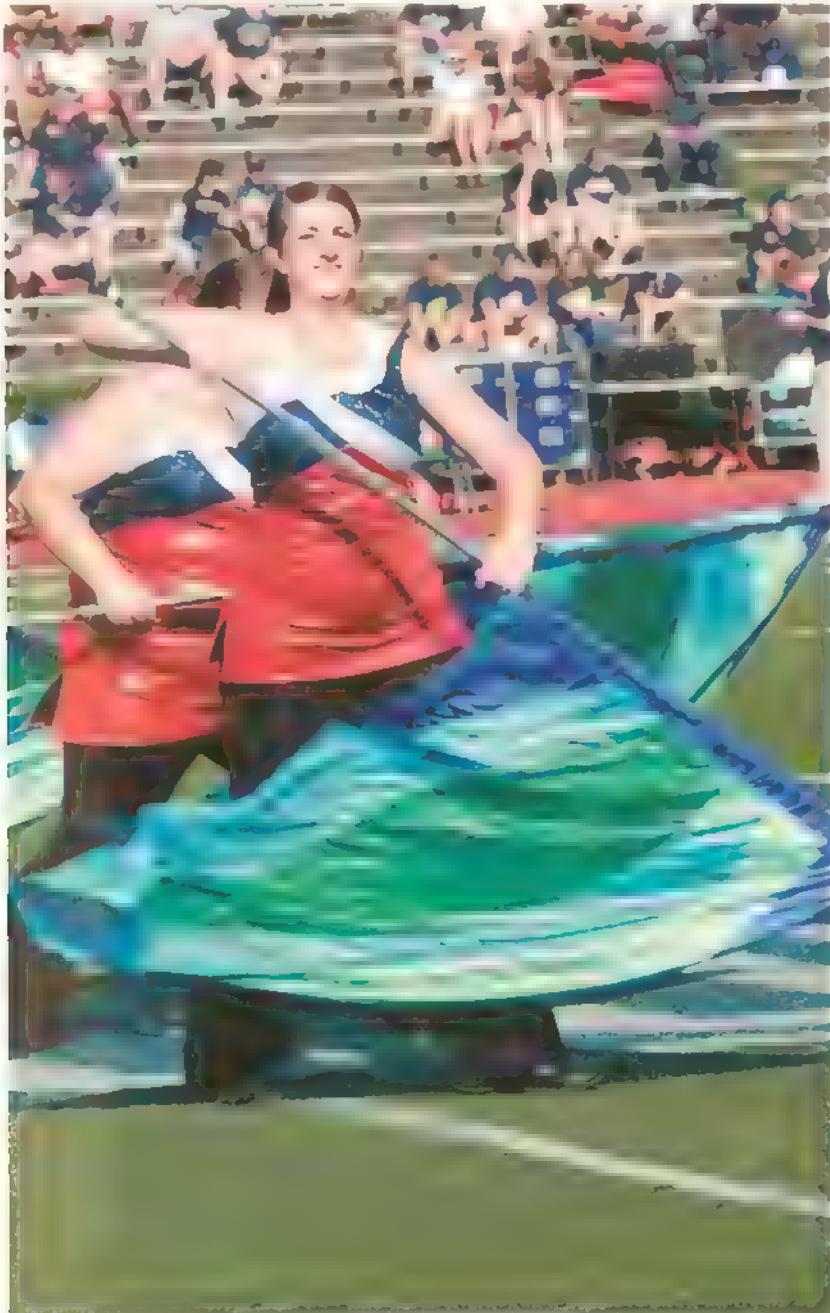
BY HALEY SMITH

music," Spooner said.

The team truly became a family on the field. Junior Captain Tara Jones, a junior exercise science major, enjoys performing in the stands. "We play around, dance, watch football and cheer!" Jones said. "I love the stand dances and waving our pom-poms around, even if I always get sunburned."

Samford's color guard got the chance to travel with the marching band to Georgia State University. "I love traveling to away games," Jones said. "The bus rides, exploring a new campus, meeting new people and seeing other bands is all awesome."

The Samford color guard had a great season and expects to get better and better each year.



Flanked by the Marching Band, Color Guard members lead the way into Seibert Stadium



# Volleyball



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CAITRIN WILLIAMS & TATE HOLCOMBE



Huddling up prior to the match, the Bulldogs strategize the best way to defeat the other team.

Samford's volleyball team made a surprising run in 2013, culminating in a 3-1 loss to Georgia Southern in the SoCon championship game.

After losing its most successful senior class in program history, the Bulldogs were left with a handful of experienced role players and a group of six freshmen.

"The hardest part about adjusting was getting used to the college game because it is so much more demanding and fast paced than the high school level," said undeclared freshman Erin Bognar, who was one of several freshmen immediately counted on to play this year.

Samford got off to a rocky start in conference play. As the 14 individuals tried to figure out their identity as a team, the Bulldogs dropped to 2-3 in SoCon play.

Slowly and quietly, the Bulldogs began to bounce back. Players got healthy and Samford closed the first half of the SoCon season on a three-game win streak.

Samford breezed through the second half of SoCon play, winning a rematch against Western Carolina in the SoCon tournament quarterfinal and the semifinal match against tournament host Furman.



"We battled a lot of adversity throughout the season, but everyone was working towards one goal - getting to the conference finals," said senior exercise science major Katie Murphy. "Our hard work, mentality, feistiness and talent allowed us to reach the conference finals."

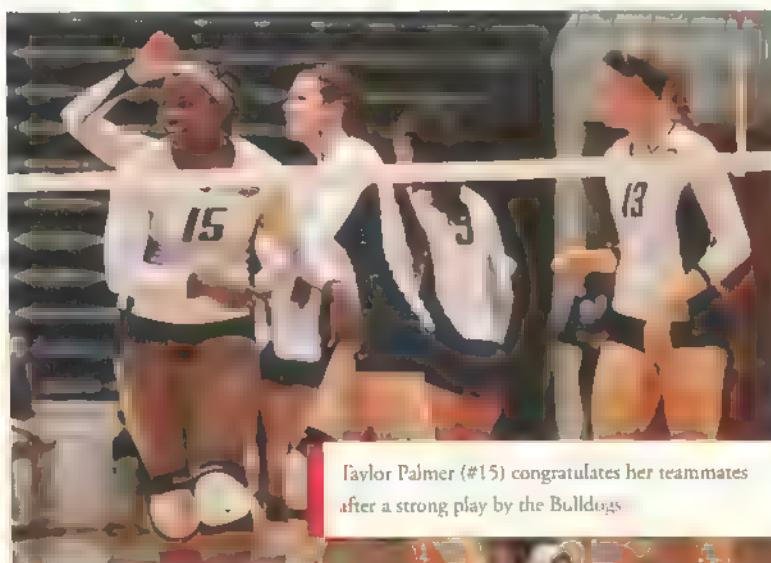
The Bulldogs eventually finished as runners-up in the conference with a four-set loss against Georgia Southern, the only team to beat the Bulldogs in the second half of the regular season.

"Losing in the championship match to Georgia Southern was tough," said undeclared freshman Gabbi Greenwald. "We all walked away from it upset and disappointed, and learned that we never want to feel that way again."

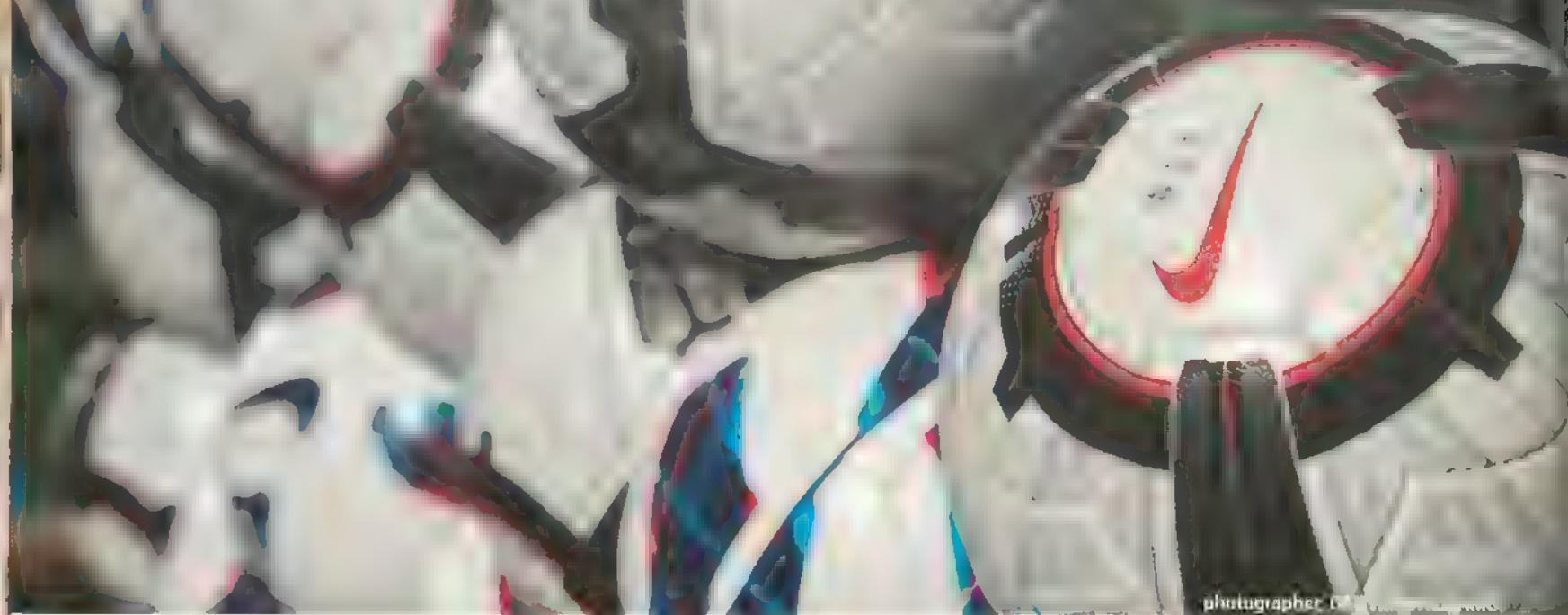
After the season ended, Samford volleyball players received more individual accolades than ever before.

Junior journalism and mass communication major Michaela Reeser earned recognition as the SoCon's Player of the Year and junior sport administration major Chelsi Carter was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Murphy, in her final season as a Bulldog, earned first-team all-SoCon honors. Both Bognar and Greenwald ended the year on the conference all-freshman team.



# Women's Soccer



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**Samford Women's Soccer** started the season off strong and turned 2013 into a fair year. The girls were able to defeat Auburn, Tennessee and Vanderbilt and ended with an incredible record of 3-0 with their Southern Conference matches.

One of the team's highlights was earning a No. 4 seed in the SoCon

The crowd at the Samford Track and Soccer Stadium went wild as Samford came out victorious against the Chattanooga Mocs as the team scored seven goals in a match for the first time since Oct. 3, 2010, when the Bulldogs defeated The Citadel, 7-0.

By ALBIONNE DAMONTE

Samford was honored to have four All Southern Conference members, three First Team All SoCon players, one Second Team honoree and two members on the 2013 SoCon All Freshman Team.

Molly Pittman, a freshman nursing major, was ecstatic about her appointment to the team. "I'm extremely honored to have been named to the SoCon All Freshman team. I'm so thankful to be a part of such an amazing team and I look forward to what's in store for this team in the future."

The season came to a close when the Bulldogs lost to the top-seeded Furman Paladins in the semifinal round of the Southern Conference

championship. Despite not making it to the NCAA tournament, the team ended the year with a total of 13 wins, the fourth-best season in Samford's history.

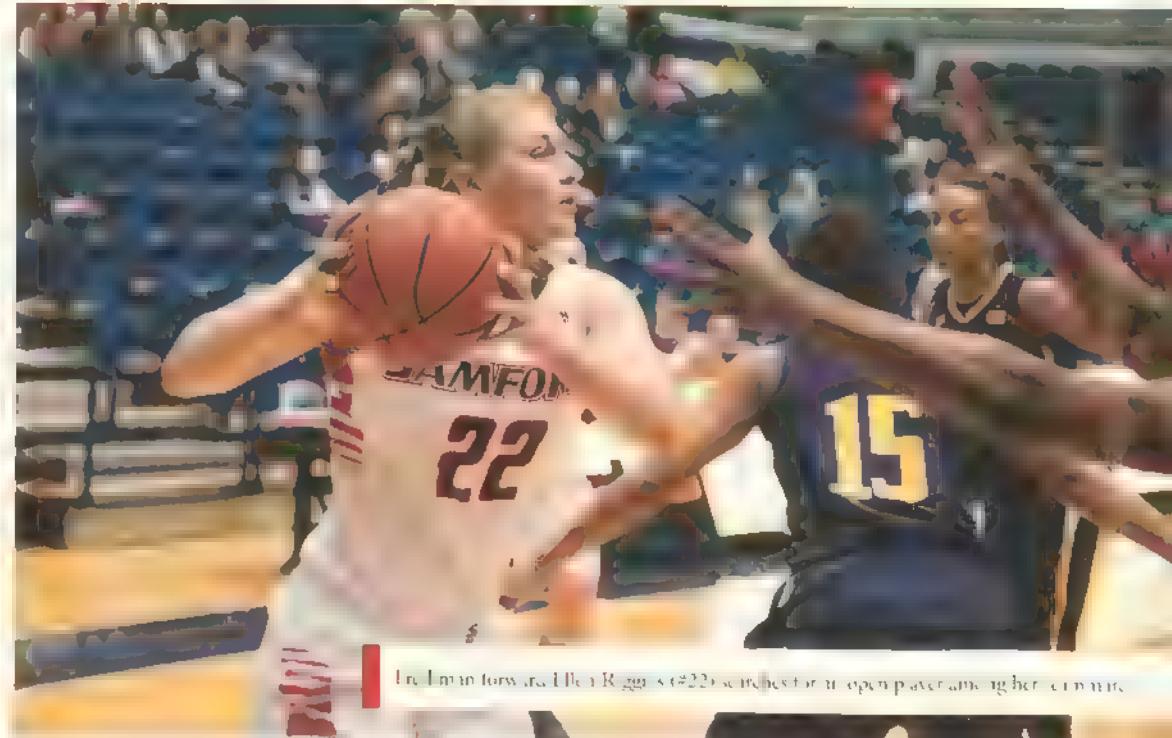
Senior elementary education major Jordan Johnson reflected on her past four years on the team and the experience she was able to have, "I

feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to play at Samford, under our coaches and with an amazing team. While I was here I not only gained 25 teammates, but I gained 25 sisters, they are all family to me and I am going to miss this whole experience."



In the middle of a close game against the Citadel, Samford's #3 kicks the ball downfield. The Bulldogs played a good game that

# Women's Basketball



Ivy League forward Elena Delle Donne (22) scores for an open player among her teammates.



The 2013-14 women's basketball season was anything but easy. With two starters suffering injuries, a group of young players had to step into unexpected roles. While this year ended with a disappointing 10-20 record, the freshmen on the squad laid the foundation for future basketball success at Samford.

Head coach Mike Morris's squad had an up-and-down start, getting a two-point road win against Memphis to start the season and losing at home by one point to Division III Talladega College in the very next game.

Already missing junior nursing major Taylor Reece for the season, Samford lost senior sport administration major Shelby Campbell in a January 11 loss at Appalachian State.

From the start of the season, three freshmen – undeclared majors Ellen Riggins, Brittany Stevens and Hannah Nichols – and redshirt freshman sports medicine major Lydia McGee were earning minutes for the Bulldogs.

"I was extremely excited to have the opportunity to play with my team this year," McGee said. "I enjoyed last season, but it makes a huge difference when you are getting to contribute on the floor and go to battle with your teammates."

By the time Campbell was hurt, undeclared freshman Clara Young and freshman English education major Kassidy Blevins had begun making

BY CLAYTON HURDLE

contributions on the court.

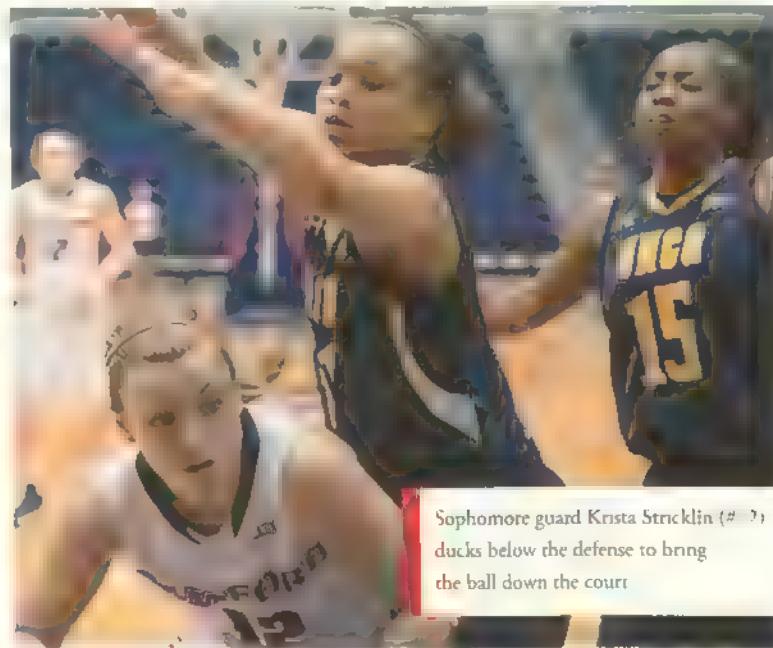
The App State loss came near the end of a seven-game losing streak for Samford; led largely by the freshmen, the Bulldogs then went on to win six of their next eight games.

In a 59-58 home win against Furman to snap the losing streak, Nichols, Young and Blevins all scored double-digit points.

"As freshmen we had a lot thrown at us at once," McGee said. "We didn't have too much trouble clicking as a unit because we have an unselfish team that is focused on winning as a whole, not as individuals. That says a lot about the kind of players that Coach Morris recruits, and the kind of character that our team has."

Despite a first-round exit in the SoCon tournament, Nichols was the SoCon's Freshman of the Year. She finished second on the team in scoring and shooting percentage and led Samford in three-pointers and rebounding.

Samford's youth and strong finish bode well for the women's basketball team's future.



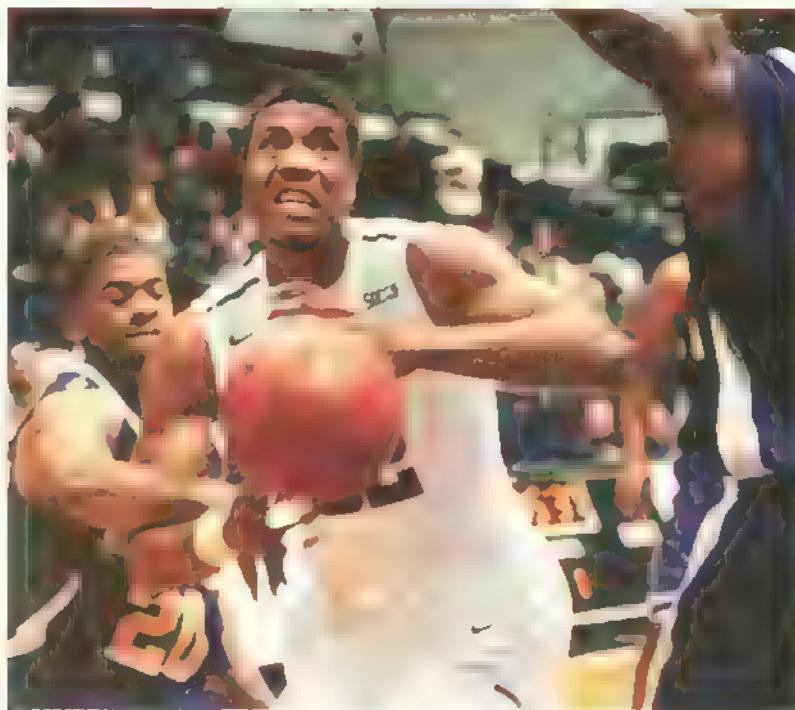
Sophomore guard Krista Stricklin (# 2) ducks below the defense to bring the ball down the court



# Men's Basketball



VERONICATE HOLCOMBE



Basketball at Samford opened strong as the Bulldogs started the season with a victory over Martin Methodist. As the season continued, the Bulldogs racked up wins over Elon, University of North Carolina Greensboro and Furman.

Though the team was young and had three freshmen starters, they stepped up and made wins possible. The Bulldogs completed the season with several accolades.

Isaiah Williams was named the Southern Conference's Freshman of the Year. Sophomore Tim Williams also earned prestigious All-SoCon accolades when he was named to the All-Conference Team.

The team hosted several community events this season, perhaps the

most memorable being a Red Out game. During this game against Appalachian State, new Samford apparel bearing the logo "Sam Not Stan" was revealed. Hundreds of students and alumni purchased these shirts and the funds raised were directed towards athletic scholarships.

"As a first year student I cannot wait to see where my class can take the student section," said Charlie Howard, a freshman pre-business major. "I want more people to view the thrilling, buzzer beater type games that the mighty Bulldogs supply to us day after day during the season. The Bulldogs are a very talented team."

Though the team suffered several losses, they were able to close the regular season with a solid win against Western Carolina. Head coach Bennie Seltzer spoke very highly of the team after the

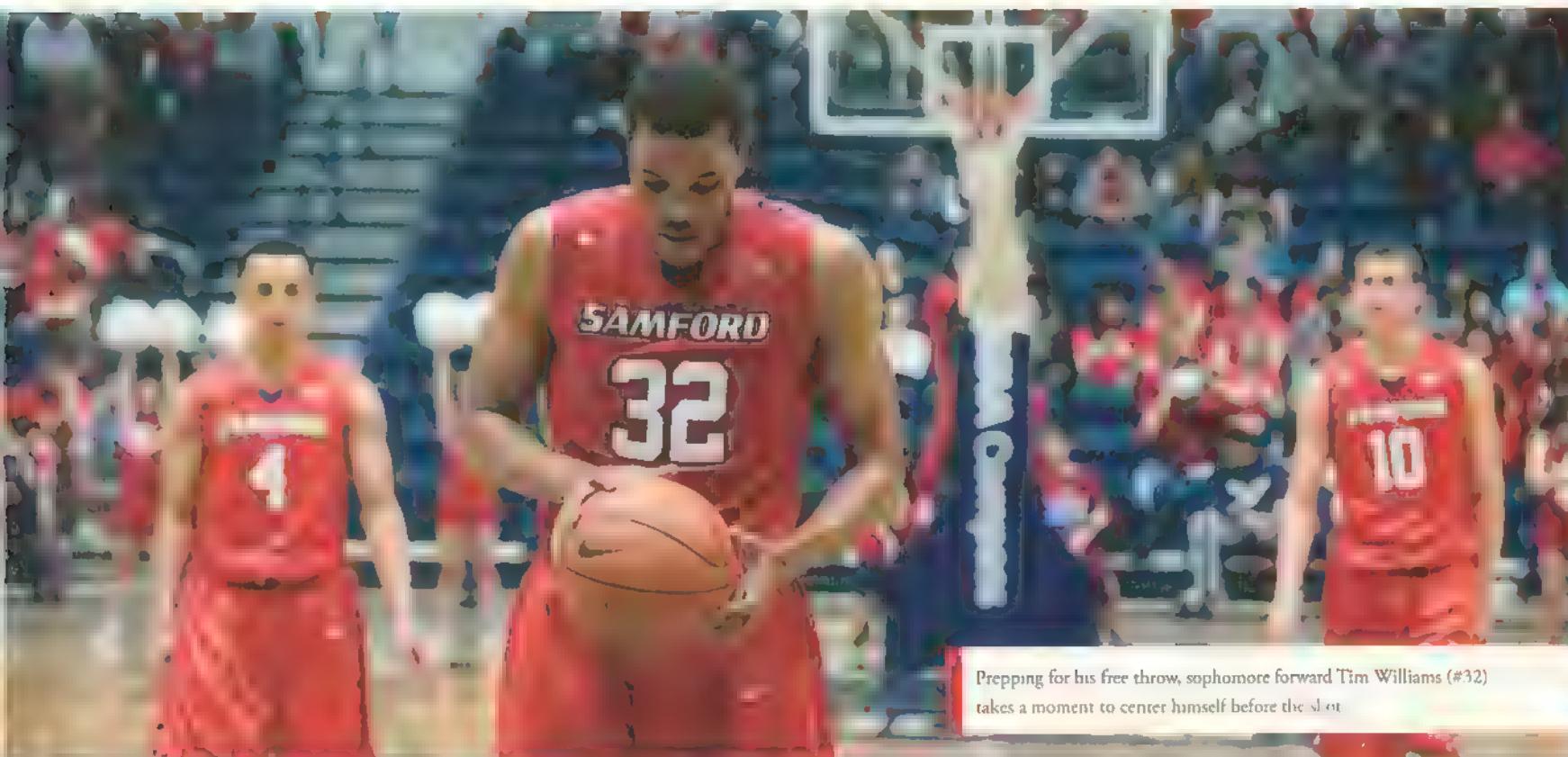


game. "I think this win just goes to show what we can do when we play hard," Seltzer said.

The Bulldogs ended the regular season with a record of 13-20. They entered the SoCon tournament with a strong win against the Appalachian State Mountaineers, but were eliminated by Davidson.

Senior biology major Tony Thompson was greatly impacted by the basketball team. "The biggest thing I'll miss about basketball is the camaraderie between myself and my teammates. We've shared many experiences that I'll never forget," Thompson said.

The Bulldogs were filled with hope and rising potential for the upcoming season.



Prepping for his free throw, sophomore forward Tim Williams (#32) takes a moment to center himself before the shot.

# Baseball



On Halloween, the team surprised in full costume. Superman stepped up to the plate while Elmo served as catcher.



The Samford baseball team had a strong season. The team finished with a winning record and continued into the SoCon playoffs looking to win a conference championship.

The Bulldogs handled in-state rivals with authority, showing that the Goliaths that stood in front of them were no match for the ferocious intensity that came from the Bulldogs, who fiercely defended their home territory.

"We needed a win," Samford head coach Casey Dunn said. "I thought our players competed like champs. We made the plays and we made the pitches when we had to."

by CAMERON CROSS

And like champs they were. After a win against Auburn, the Bulldogs were ramped up to energize them for the rest of the season.

Sophomore business major Parker Curry displayed a commanding performance this season going 6-2 with a 3.55 ERA. Curry recorded nearly 50 strikeouts over the course of the season, catapulting him to one of the most influential pitchers on the Bulldogs roster.

There was another pitcher that managed to make his mark, freshman business major Cody Pugh.

"Pugh did a phenomenal job of setting an early tone for us," Dunn said. "That is something that we've struggled with the last couple of weeks, so to get a zero in the first inning and then to score behind it was great."



# Softball



photographer: STEIN WILLIAMS



The 2014 season proved to be one of the most successful in years for the softball team. The team knocked down records that had stood for a decade, and individual players set the SoCon aflame with their skillful play.

Head Coach Mandy Burford chalks up this season's success to the team's finish last year and to the heart of the women on the team.

"We had a really strong finish last year at the SoCon tournament and the girls stayed hungry," Burford said. "They all had a lot of fight in them and they worked really hard over summer and this fall. We hit really well, and did a good job of putting ourselves in positions to be successful."

BY ERIC BLANCAK



The Bulldogs broke the combined team home run record this year in a game against Alabama State University. Junior Abby Adams hit the team's 32nd homerun of the season, not only breaking the previous team record of 31, but also tying the individual homerun record of 10.

With so much success on the field this season, Burford's praise for her girls was unending.

"The girls have a lot of fight in them," Burford said. "They all came from great teams and clubs, so they kind of have a chip on their shoulder. Everyone has such hunger, which is awesome for a young team. There's a resiliency and a will to win that hasn't been there in the past, and it's been the boost we've needed to win many times."



Gathering before the game, the Bulldogs took moment as a team to strategize before taking on their opponents.

# Cross Country



The cross country season was a time of growth and learning for both the men and women's teams. Samford hosted the Southern Conference championship, which brought anticipation and excitement for the runners. The men's team finished sixth and the women's team finished seventh at the SoCon championship. Luke Weishaar led the men's team and Rachel Wooten led the women's team.

Two weeks prior to the championship, Samford competed at the Crimson Classic, hosted by the University of Alabama. The men's team placed eighth in the 8k and the women's team placed 16th in the 5k. Head Coach Lori Strand was "really happy with the way the men's team ran and the women's team saw improvement, with several individuals running to their full potential."

Director of cross country, Rod Tiffin, said, "The men's team really grew as a squad during the season and got better every weekend. They were able to garner a dual meet win against the University of Alabama and also beat several other SEC schools throughout the season." He said that the young men's team has a bright future ahead of them.

Beyond wins and rankings, the men's cross-country team shared a special bond with each other.

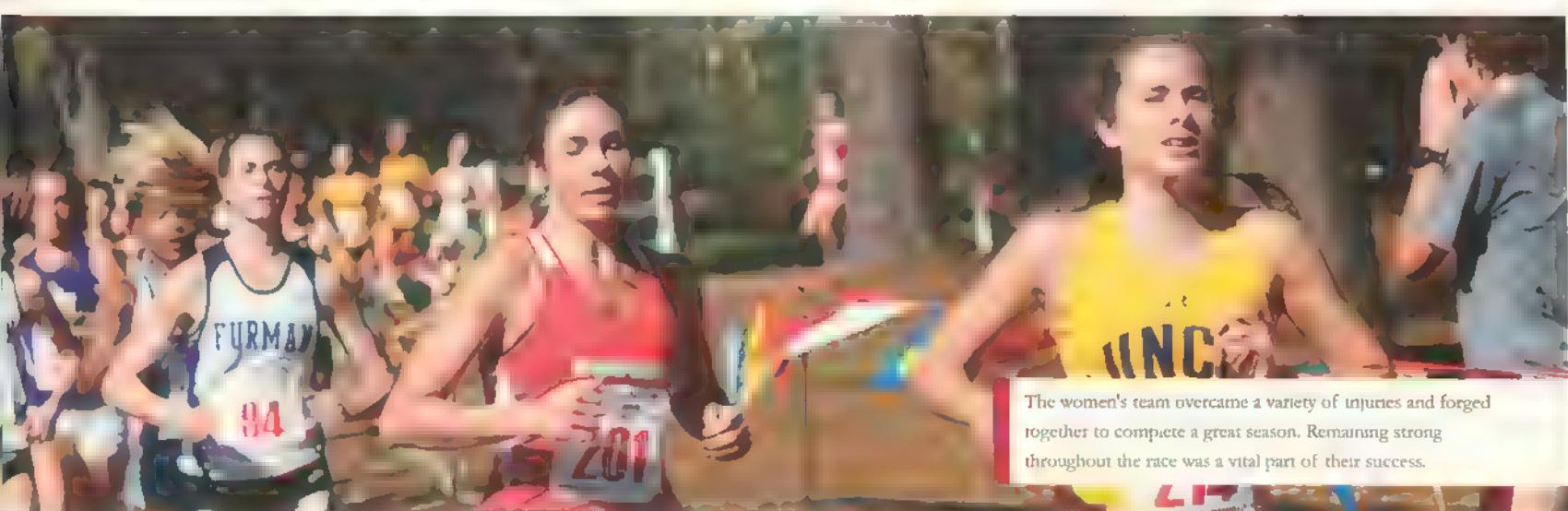
"We are more than just teammates, we are best friends. We have each other's backs," said James Graham, a senior finance and accounting major. "Every race we are encouraging each other and wanting the best outcome for our team as a whole."

The women's cross country team endured several key injuries, which they struggled to overcome. Coach Tiffin said these injuries led to a "disappointing finish for the team, but the team learned a lot about themselves individually and what they are capable of, which will help them be better runners and people."

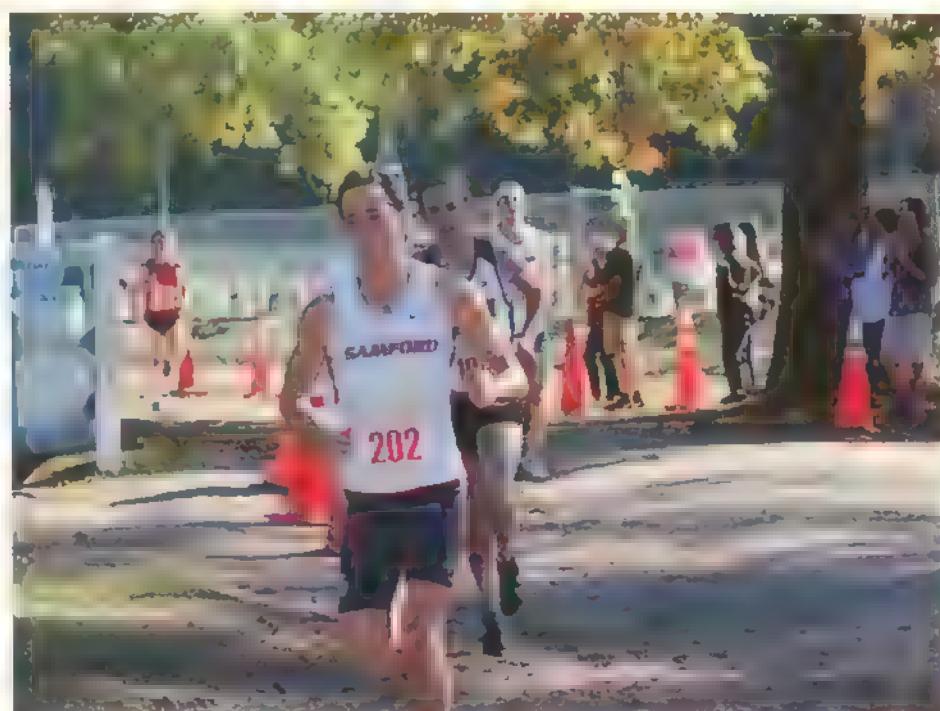
"The season started off with work needing to be done," said Anna Laura Irvine, a junior exercise science major. "But the team rose to the challenge and saw a lot of improvements in their performance as a result of hard work."

The team bonded and worked together to achieve their goals. For Irvine, cross country was "an amazing experience not only for my track career but also for every day life, as I learned to fight through hard workouts and tough meets to press onward. My teammates and coaches were undoubtedly what made this season such an enriching experience."

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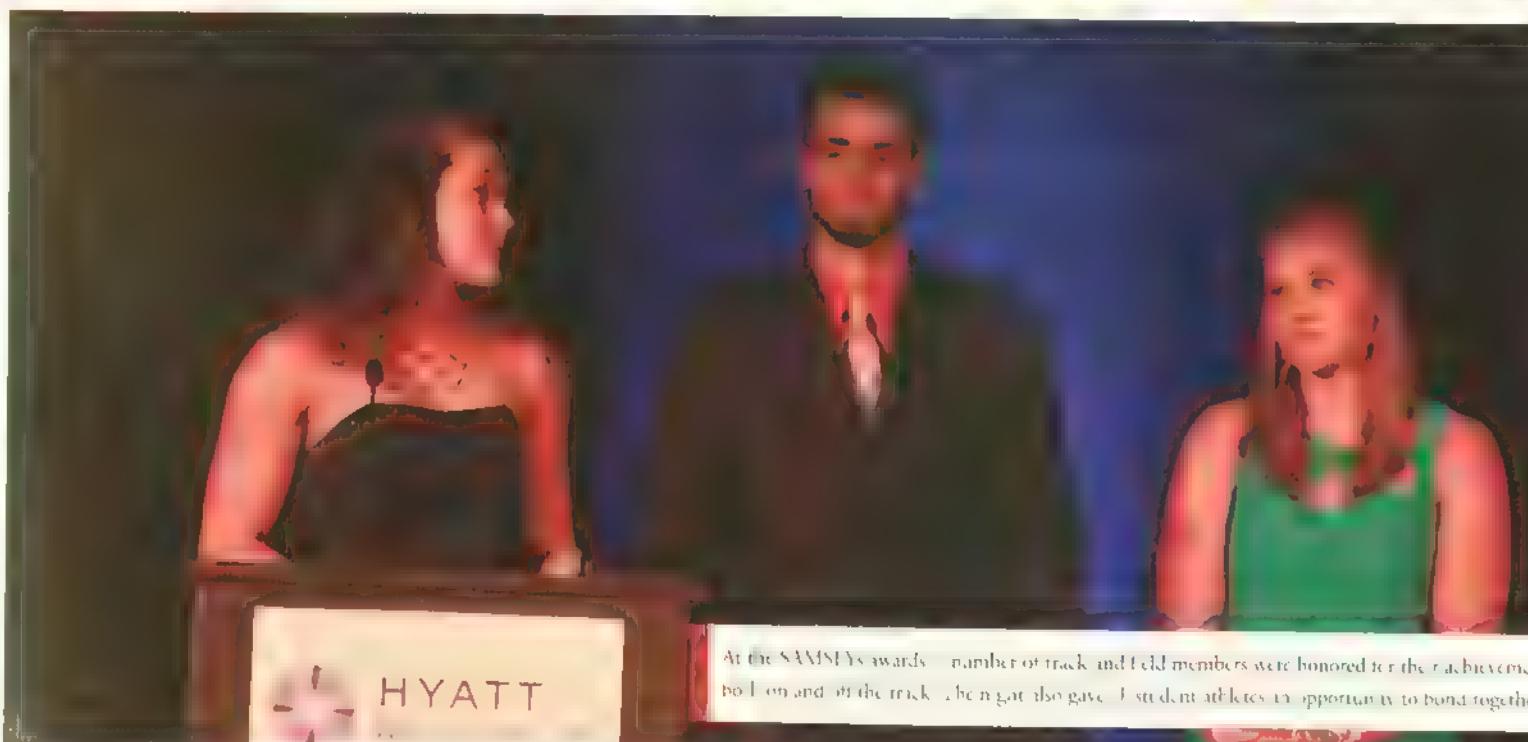
The women's team overcame a variety of injuries and forged together to complete a great season. Remaining strong throughout the race was a vital part of their success.



# Track and Field



Photographer: CAITRIN WILLIAMS





The track team enjoyed a season of huge success. Multiple members broke school records, won individual Southern Conference titles and claimed numerous weekly and monthly athlete awards.

One of the most notable moments for the team came early on in the year when redshirt senior Brandon Bassett ranked third in the nation for his overall score in the heptathlon held at 2014 Samford Stand Alone Multi Competition at the Birmingham CrossPlex. The Bulldogs also had two other top ten finishes in the men's competition, while the women earned a solid fifth place spot.

"The season has been good all the way, and our team is really coming along," said senior sprinter and coaching intern Justin Emerson. "Indoor season has been very positive and it's promising for our outdoor season."

In the Southern Conference indoor championships Bassett again performed well, earning the Heath Whittle Most Valuable Performer Award. The rest of team shined as well, with senior pole vault Ashley Cope earning the SoCon Women's Most Valuable Performer Award, and freshman pole vault Morgan Johnson being named SoCon Freshman of the Year.

"I couldn't be more excited about the three awards we won." Head Coach Rod Tiffin said. "Ashley winning the field athlete of the meet and Brandon winning MVP just puts a huge exclamation point on their indoor careers here at Samford."

by ERIC BIANCANANA

The team also saw huge success at the Auburn invitational. The Bulldogs placed in the top ten a dozen times and a trio from the Men's team would break Samford's 1-mile record – one that had stood for 16 years. Adam Jones, Brandon Hazouri, and Layton Dorsett claimed the plaudits for breaking the age-old record while in the Women's 1-mile, senior distance runner Lauren D'Allessio placed fourth.

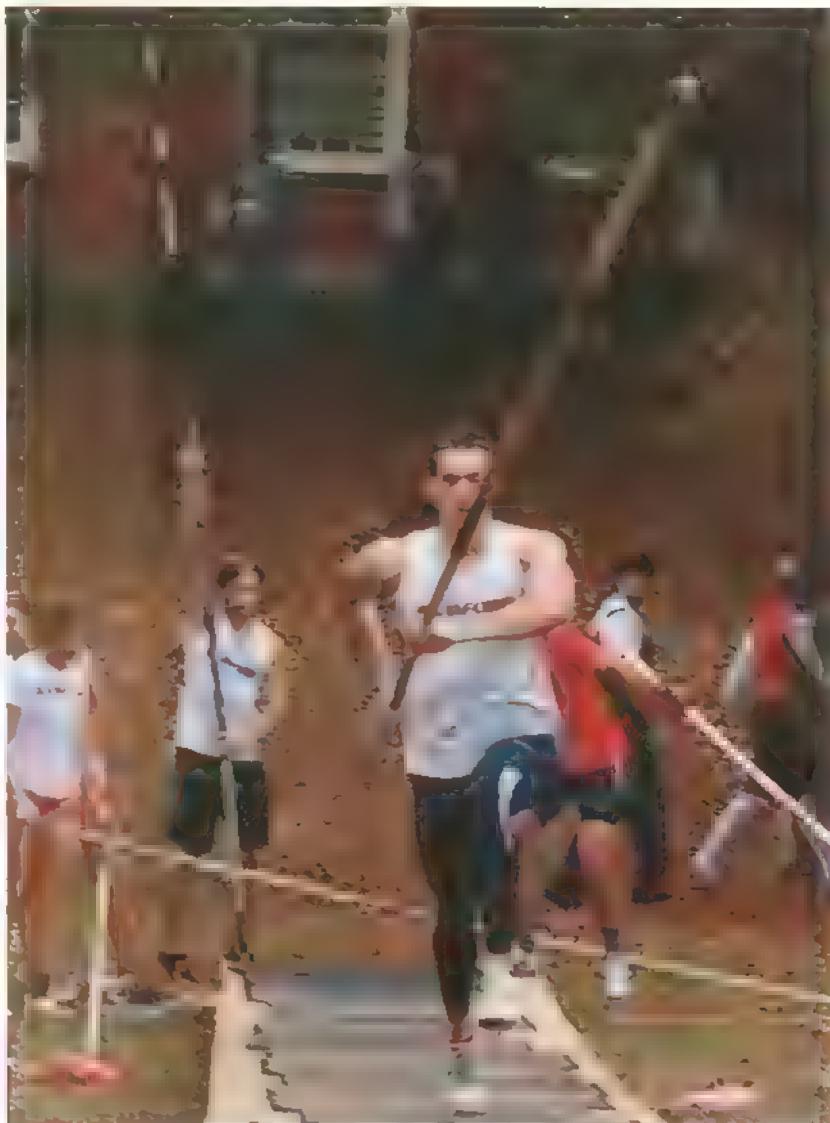
Emerson was full of praise for his team saying, "We have a tight knit group and everyone is willing to work hard. They're all coachable and willing to learn. Our middle distance hasn't been our best in the past, but this year they have performed really well and have been a strong point in the team"

According to freshman sprinter Hunter Grantland much of team's success is due to its strong leaders

"Our season so far has been really good mainly because coach Tiffin has been there all the time supporting every member of the team," Grantland said. "He's stepped up even though we haven't had a sprint coach and he's really been a leader."

And the team has even found leaders outside of the coaching staff.

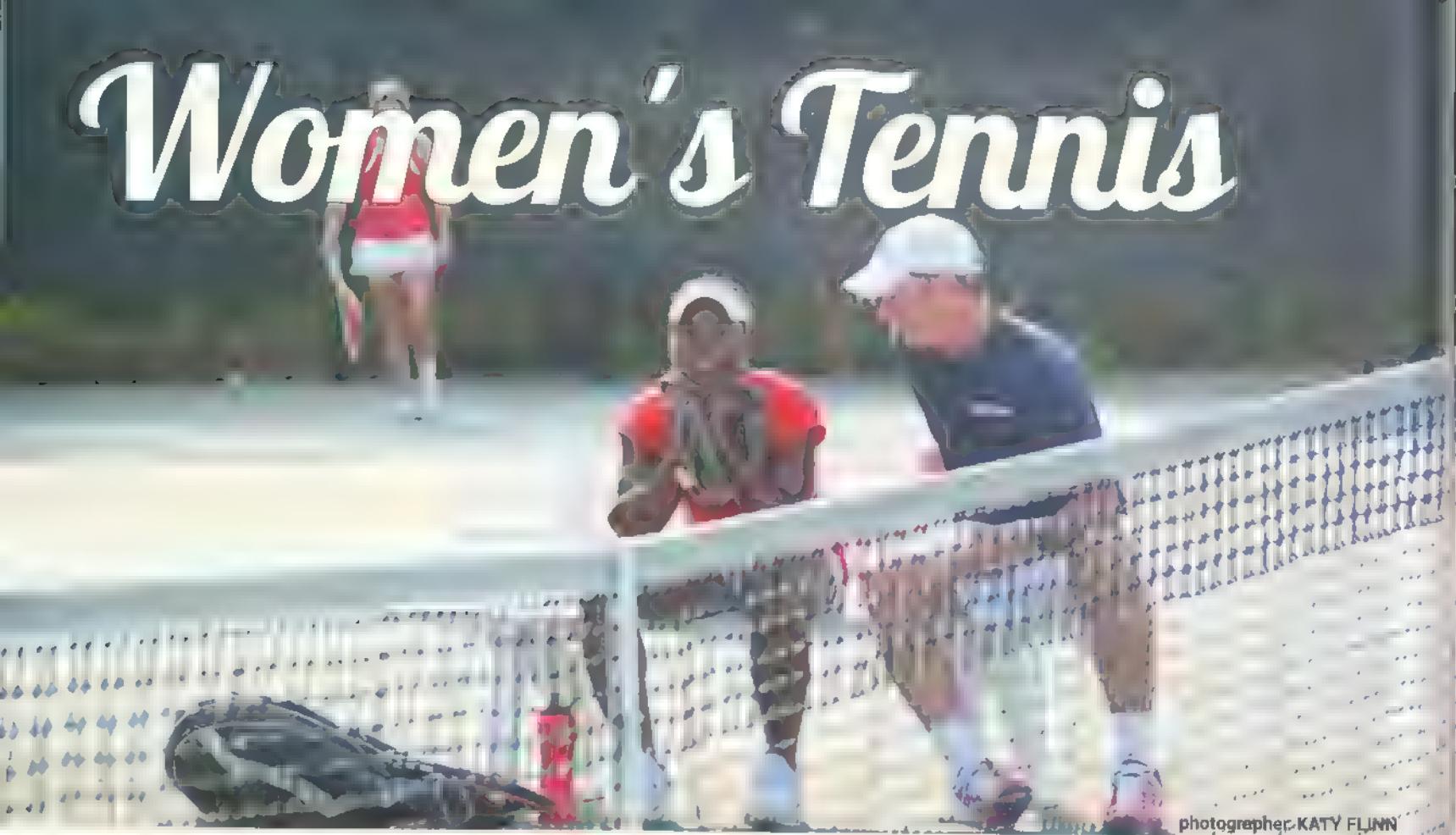
We've also been focusing on getting the underclassmen built up and to be ready to lead the team on next year. The seniors have been great role models for us, and I've been learning under them for a long time.



During the Homecoming Tailgate, track and field team members showed off their skills with pole vaults flying high across the quad



# Women's Tennis



photographer KATY FLINN



**Samford's women's tennis season was filled with countless victories.** The players showed tremendous strength and skill. Victories included matches against UAB, Middle Tennessee, App. State, Davidson, Georgia Southern and Western Carolina.

The team had one of its best starts in school history this year and dominated the competition in both singles and doubles play.

Junior psychology Stephanie Ntcha began dual-match competition season as the 72nd-ranked singles player in the nation and became the first women's player in school history to start the season ranked in the nation's top 75 players.



In serving a hard cross-court serve, one team member starts her set out on a strong foot.

Freshman pre-business major Lauren Caballero reflected on her experience, "One of my favorite parts of being a part of the tennis team is the true family that it builds. There's nothing like doing what you love surrounded by people who make you love it more. It is a blessing every day to know that you are not playing for yourself but for the girls and University around you."



# Men's Tennis

Unable to answer its 2013 Southern Conference tournament championship, this season marked the first time in four years that the men's tennis team was neither the regular season nor the tournament champion of the SoCon.

The Bulldogs got off to a good start in fall tournament play. In Samford's first fall tournament, freshman history major Liam Sullivan earned a singles championship, and sophomore business major Fares Kilani and junior communication studies major Austin Akers won the championship in their doubles flight.

In Samford's home invitational, Kilani won a singles title while senior nursing major Elliot Barnwell and sophomore business major Trey Carter earned a doubles championship.

Samford's spring season began with a 5-1 home victory over future SoCon opponent Mercer, but the defending SoCon champs dropped their next five matches, four against nationally-ranked opponents.

by CLAYTON HURDLE

The Bulldogs put together a respectable 5-3 record in SoCon play during the spring, winning five of their last six matches to finish with an 8-10 overall record.

Samford's 5-3 SoCon mark was good enough to earn the team the fifth seed in the 10-team SoCon tournament. The Bulldogs fell 4-2 in the opening match against fourth-seeded Appalachian state.

Barnwell finished with a team-best 12-6 singles record in his final season as a Bulldog. Akers and Kilani were a team-high 10-6 on the doubles circuit. Kilani also finished second on the team in singles with a 10-7 mark.

At season's end, Barnwell was recognized for his phenomenal senior season, earning a spot on the all-SoCon first team. Kilani was a second-team all-conference player in 2014 and Sullivan received all-froshman honors.

Despite a disappointing 2014 record, the men's tennis team gained valuable experience for years to come.



photographer: CAITRIN WILLIAMS



# Women's Golf

*The women's golf team had its best season in years and finished fourth in the SoCon.*

The team had several standout players, including Alex Jasper, who finished fourth as an individual at the team's conference

Junior fitness and health professions major Emily Stallings said her favorite part of being on the team was the friends she made

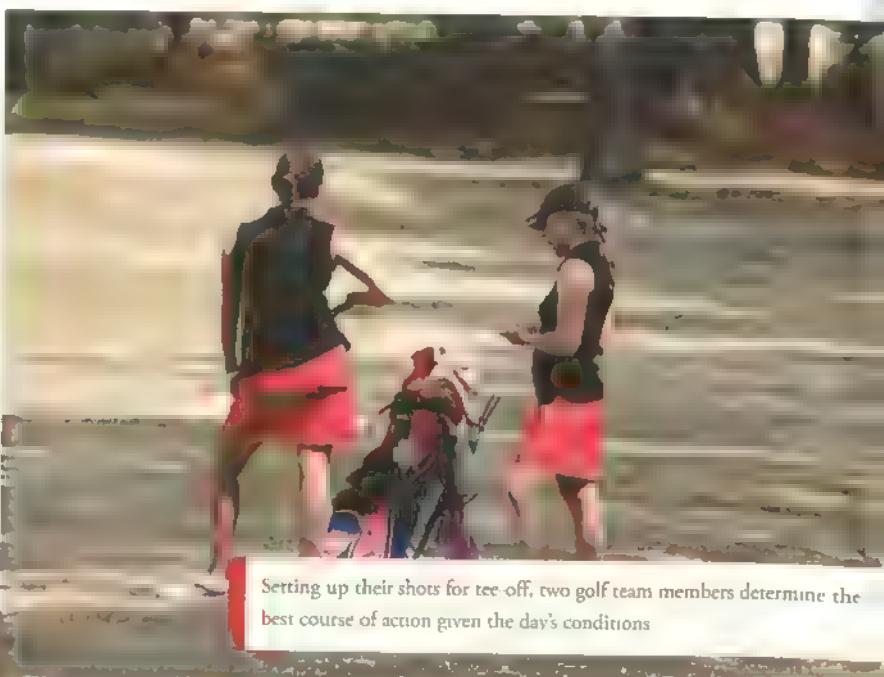
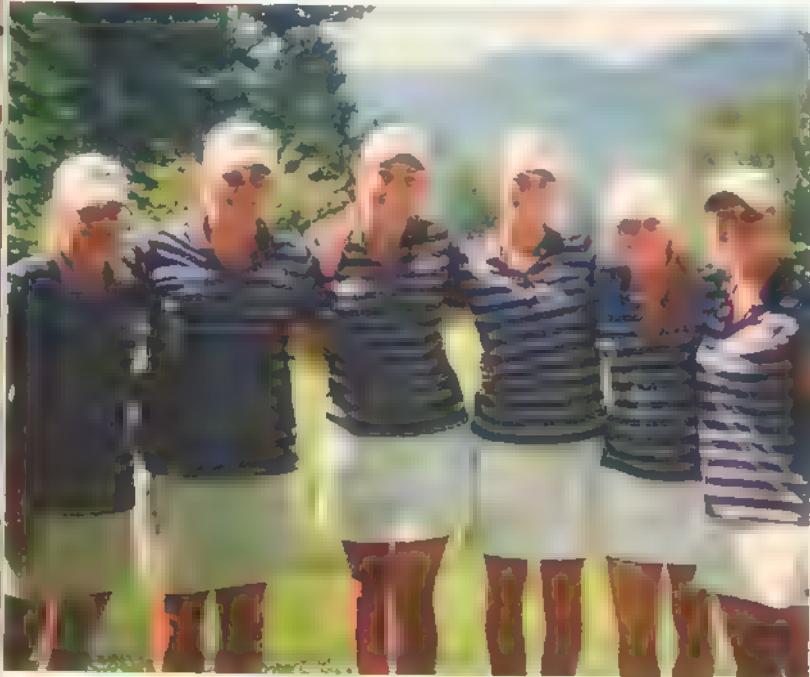
"It's like having six sisters. Always having someone there for you no matter what is always nice," Stallings said. "This team has a good understanding of 'We Win Together, We Lose Together.'"

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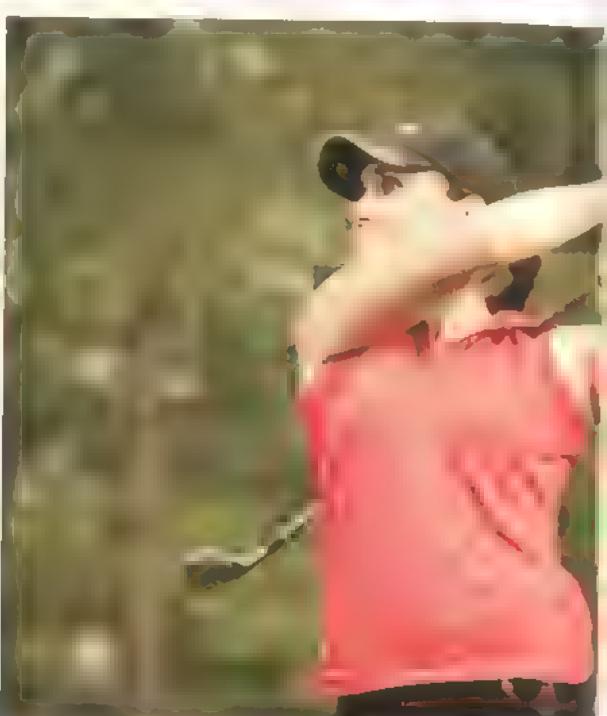
Stallings said the team had a lot of growth this year. "We grew together and individually. We faced adversity and challenges through the year that allowed us to grow closer together as a team," Stallings said.

"Golf has truly shaped us into the people we are today," Stallings said. "It's made us understand confidence, patience and what working with a team is truly like."

Over the season, the team saw the arrival of a new head coach, Rachel Ingram. Ingram came to the team from East Tennessee State University. With Ingram's leadership, the team was able to improve upon past seasons and work toward a pursuing a sport that shaped the athletes' dedication.



Setting up their shots for tee-off, two golf team members determine the best course of action given the day's conditions



# Men's Golf



The men's golf team came in ninth place out of all of the teams in the SoCon.

Junior exercise science major Zach Hughes led the Bulldogs. At the Francis Marion Springhill Suites Intercollegiate, Hughes went seven under. His commanding performance left the Bulldogs with great hopes for the remainder of the season.

Hughes earned runner-up honors after posting a three-round total of 7-under-par 209 (69-71-69). He finished just three strokes behind Individual Medalist Carter Davis of Presbyterian College and was tied with USC Upstate's Ryan Cornfield.

The final putt can make or break a player's game. Knowing the significance of his shot, one Bulldog confidently takes a putt from the edge of the green.

Later in the season, the Bulldogs played in the Appalachian State tournament.

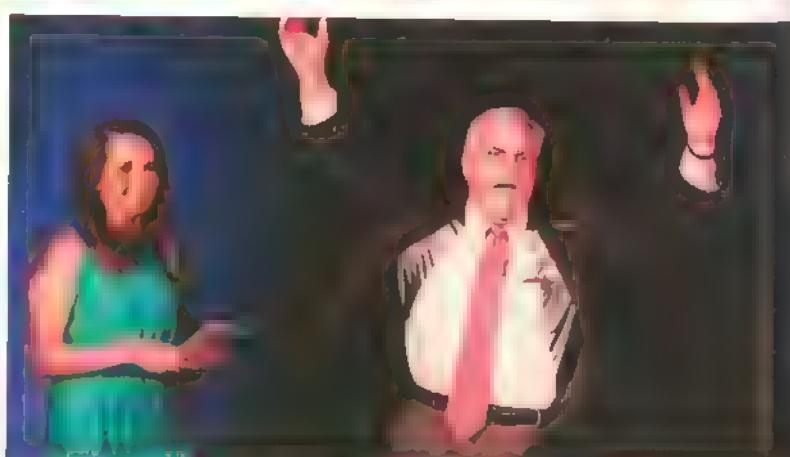
"This was a tough tournament for our guys who were under the weather, but they played through it and battled hard," said Samford head coach Woodie Eubanks. "I thought they did a great job of fighting through adversity and playing with heart. Both Zach and Mac finished strong and did the best that they could do to overcome the circumstances."

Overall, the Bulldogs were ready for the fall to roll around and begin their next attempt to try and become SoCon champions.

# SAMSPY



photographer: CAITRIN WILLIAMS



The SAMSPYs, Samford's athletics year-end awards celebration, took place under a threat of severe storms, but not even tornado warnings could dampen the spirits of Samford's student athletes.

Senior sports medicine major Jeremy Towns and senior business major Emily Mallory took home the night's top honors, Mr. and Miss Bulldog.

Towns, a football defensive lineman, earned Mr. Bulldog thanks to his academic success – he graduated in December and was accepted into the school of medicine at South Alabama – and his leadership both at Samford and in the community.

"I just want to encourage you while you're at Samford to compete to get to know Christ," said Towns, who started the wildly popular worship group RANSOM while at Samford, during his acceptance speech.

Mallory, who played on the tennis team, served two years as president of the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) and made the SoCon all-academic team in the fall with a 3.81 GPA.

Senior accounting major Justin Shade and senior exercise science major Ashley Cope were the male and female Athletes of the Year. Shade had a breakout season as a linebacker on the football team, and Cope broke five school records in the heptathlon in her final campaign.

Rahim Esmail was named the Coach of the Year. He led the men's tennis team to Samford's only SoCon tournament championship of the 2013 spring season and a historic third seed in the NCAA tournament.

The Assistant Coach of the Year was football defensive coach Bill D'Ottavio, who served as interim head coach while Pat Sullivan recovered from back surgery. With D'Ottavio's help, the football team earned its first SoCon championship.

Junior sport administration major Kelvin Clay won the Blooper of the Year for colliding with a goal post during a practice.

After a successful year, Samford student athletes were able to safely celebrate all of their achievements.

# SoCon Awards

*Junior journalism and mass communication major Michaela Reesor had a remarkable sophomore season in 2012, being the only underclassman named to the all SoCon volleyball team.*

Reesor's 2013 campaign was even better, as the outside hitter from Caledon, Ontario, became the third Samford player to earn SoCon Player of the Year honors in the six seasons since Samford joined the conference.

Reesor was one of more than 50 Bulldogs in 11 sports to earn year-end awards from the SoCon, but was the only consensus Player of the Year wearing the Samford red and blue.

What makes Reesor's story even more astounding is that after 2012 ended, she required knee surgery to repair damage acquired in her sophomore season.

After grueling offseason rehabilitation, Reesor was back in the lineup for the Bulldogs' first game of the season, a 3-0 sweep of Presbyterian. Reesor nearly recorded a double-double with 10 digs and nine kills in the season opener.

Despite fighting lingering issues with her knee throughout parts of the season, Reesor played all 34 matches for Samford, scoring double-digit kills in all but three as the Bulldogs finished with a 23-11 record and a second-place finish in the SoCon tournament.

by ELAYTON HURDLE

"SoCon Player of the Year was a huge honor after the setbacks I faced last year," Reesor said. "Winning showed me first and foremost how great God is. He is always faithful, never-failing and I would have had nothing without his strength this past season."

Reesor led the SoCon with 453 kills in 2013 and became the 11th player in Samford history to reach 1,000 career kills.

Reesor's all-conference selection was one of six for the volleyball team this year. Junior sports administration major Chelsi Carter was named Libero of the Year, senior sports medicine major Katie Murphy joined Reesor on the all-conference first team and senior sport administration major Stephanie Palmer earned a spot on the all-conference second team.

In addition, undeclared freshmen Erin Bognar and Gabbi Greenwald made the SoCon's all-freshman team.

"To selfishly say that my amazing team had nothing to do with my award would be a lie," Reesor said. "Without those girls and my coaches, Samford volleyball would not be what it is today, and I am so thankful for the experience."



Kristin Brining poses with a fellow student-athlete at the SAMSPYs, celebrating their success throughout the track and field season

# Club Sports



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## MEN'S CLUB SOCCER

The club soccer team had an impressive season, finishing 3rd in their region.

The team was comprised of men with ranging skill sets. Whether they had played soccer in high school, wanted to step up from the intramural level or had never played before, the men joined together with a common goal—to play soccer.

"Our strongest attribute would have to be our competitiveness," goalkeeper Chris Sullivan said. "We do not let any of our opponents come and just push us around, no matter how big they are or how many players have. We go out and play physical. We do not let teams walk all over us."



## CLUB ULTIMATE FRISBEE

The men's club ultimate frisbee team underwent a season of rebuilding. The 2013-2014 school year was one that proved to be full of expansion and trying to determine the future of the club sport.

Junior computer science major, Garrett Boucher said, "We faced a lot of adversity this year trying to determine what we should do in order to provide us with a better opportunity for a stronger future."

"We have some promising things that have already come on the horizon, such as getting our funding and everything set up for the next school year," Boucher said. "We are very excited about where this program is going from here."



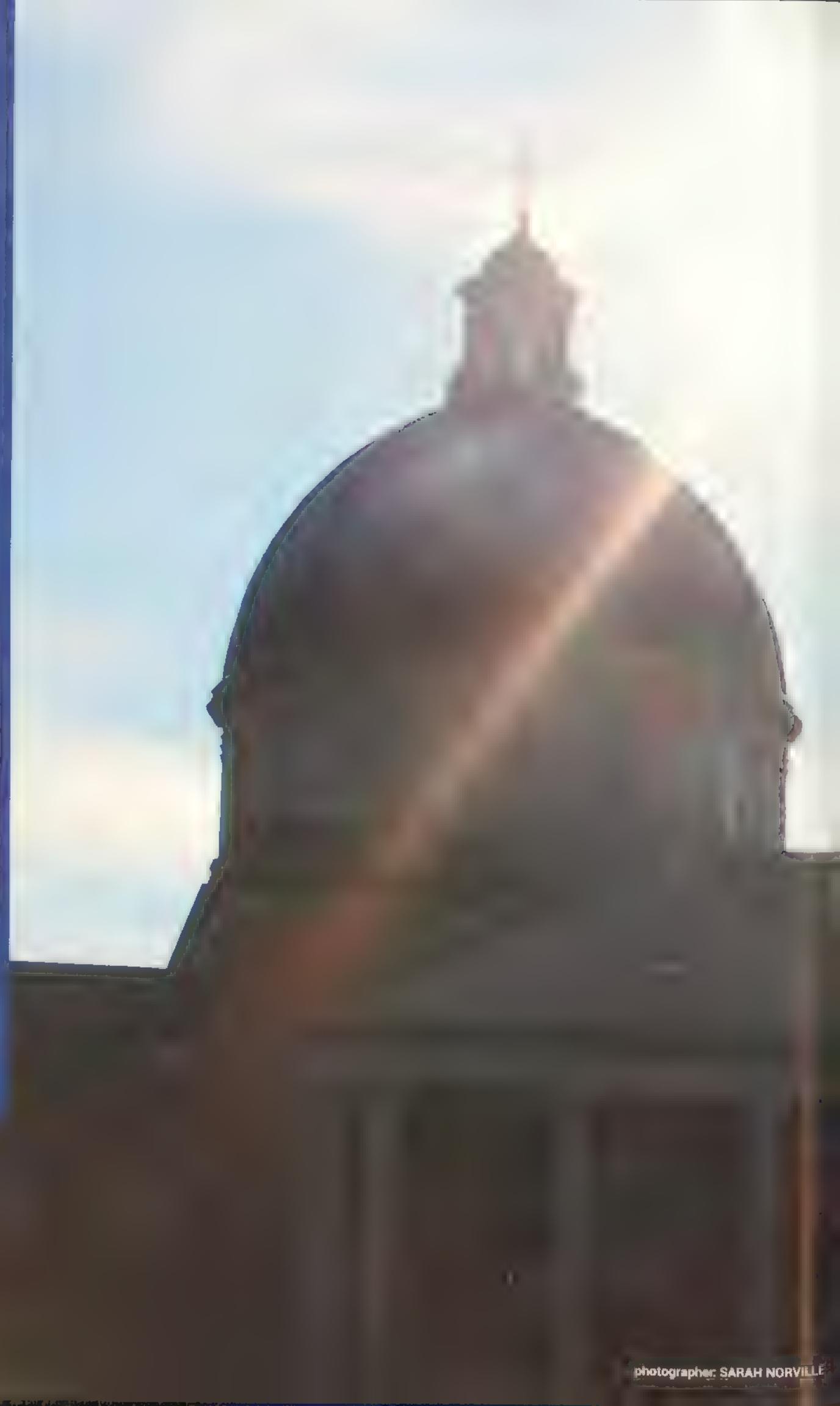
## CLUB CREW TEAM

Samford's club crew team had another successful year in 2014, competing in six different regattas across the region and earning great finishes in four of them.

"Seeing the team grow a lot of the past year has been very special to me," said senior biology major Adam Beasley, who served as club president. "Four years ago I helped start the team with only five other students and a dream of representing Samford University on the water. This year, over 20 students competed in six regattas across the southeast," Beasley said.

"Samford Crew has been the best part of my Samford experience," Beasley said, "and this year has shown me that it will stay a tradition at Samford for a long, long time."

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Oh, Samford Alma Mater true  
Her halls shall ever ring,  
With sounding glories of the past  
With plans and future dreams.

*On knowledge that we  
seek, O Lord, we pray thy  
blessings true.*

With pride we pledge our hearts and minds,  
To the Samford Red and Blue.

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# Faith

## Samford unveils forum for worship and arts

MARCH 12, 2014

by ZACH BROWN

At an Oct. 8 luncheon, Samford unveiled the first stages of anima, the Forum for Worship and the Arts. The forum's website, [animatheforum.com](http://animatheforum.com), will launch Oct. 14.

The luncheon featured remarks from Samford administrators and faculty and community church leaders, as well as a group worship experience led by students from Briarwood Christian School.

anima resulted from a \$300,000 grant from the Christ Is Our Salvation Foundation in Waco, Texas. Eric Mathis, anima director and assistant professor of music and worship, said that the grant had two conditions, establishing a center for worship and the arts and creating programs for teenagers.

Mathis said, "The great tragedy that the church has told teenagers is that they are the 'future of the church' ... but the truth is that teenagers are part of the body of Christ now."

The forum encourages all types of art to supplement worship—not just music. Mathis said teens talented in writing, photography, drama, painting and other media can participate in worship in innovative ways. The first phase of anima has three steps.

First, the forum's website will feature advanced social media integration, allowing users to discuss worship and the arts with one another across multiple platforms. Beginning in February, resources for teens interested in worship, such as video tutorials on how to lead worship prayers, will be uploaded to the website on a regular basis.

"We want this website to become a model of exemplary practices of using teenagers in worship and in the arts," Mathis said.

Secondly, anima will feature regular speakers and workshops on worship and the arts, like next summer's Animate workshop. Teenagers and congregational leaders will collaborate at Animate to plan worship activities for the coming year and allow further interaction with the website.

Mathis has worked to connect anima to the Birmingham area and is now planning on expanding to other regions.

Jeremy Moore, a 2013 Samford graduate and music associate at Briarwood Presbyterian Church, expressed his enthusiasm for anima.

"We will be able to use anima to enrich and enliven our worship practices," Moore said. "Photography, painting, sketching, graphic design—I would love to be able to use visual, not just musical, worship forms."

The third initial aspect of anima—the Elisha Project, will allow Samford students to mentor teens and benefit from worship training.

"[anima] exists to tell teens that they are valuable worship leaders, it advocates that congregations integrate them fully into worship, and it will offer conversations, resources and events that will help teens to better their art," senior church music major Grant Frederick said. "I really wish that something like anima had been around when I was in high school."

# **Shiloh prepares for final worship service**

MARCH 12, 2014

by GRACE MCGROOM

University Ministries will hold its last Shiloh worship service on Tuesday, March 18 after 10 years of hosting the weekly service.

"The decision to end Shiloh is part of a larger shift in ministry strategy for us. We recognize that everything has a time and a season, and we've increasingly felt as campus ministers that the season for Shiloh was ending," University Minister Matt Kerlin said.

Shiloh is intended to be a unique worship experience for students to feel God's presence and peace. Students are able to worship, learn, pray and take communion with many of their peers during the service.

"I am going to miss the time I experience during Shiloh, when I am able to be still in the midst of the craziness of school. I will also miss praying and worshiping with my peers," junior psychology major Katie Cohen said.

University Ministries will shift from the large service in Reid Chapel to small, home group meetings in April. Groups of 10 to 12 students will meet at the homes of faculty and staff to share a meal and engage in student-led discussion.

Kerlin says that he and other campus ministers have already been holding small group meetings at their own homes. They have found that these groups allow students to experience a richer community and relationship with Christ.

However, the end of Shiloh will not mean the end of corporate worship on campus. Tuesday convocation hour will now become a time for campus worship. Although the experience will not be like Shiloh, Kerlin said they are going to do their best to make the time special for all students.

Cohen, who has been involved with University Ministries for three years, feels that these changes, especially the small, home groups will impact more people and encourage students to be vulnerable with their peers.

"I'm looking forward to focusing less on University Ministries as an organization and more on spiritual life at Samford as a whole," Kerlin said. "I look forward to seeing Jesus proclaimed more clearly and faithfully to the broader campus community and to seeing students commit more deeply to the work of Jesus in our world."



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*April 16, 2014*

# *University* *Ministries*



University Ministries "Tacky Prom" dance provided an alternative to the new prom which promoted a spirit of fun and excitement for students to dress up and dance the night away.



GAIL DORMAN & ELIZABETH SMITH



*Love God. Love People. Change the World.* This was the heart behind Samford's University Ministries

Whether it was through FreshMIN retreat, small groups, community involvement or social justice discussions, UM sought to "help students think holistically about their Christian faith in the context of the world around them," said Renee Pitts, minister to students.

Pitts, along with Matt Kerlin, April Robinson and Brian Pitts, comprised the University Ministries staff. These leaders were deeply committed to walking alongside students in the process of learning to listen to God and to live out their faith in meaningful ways.

However, they did not operate alone. UM elected 10 student leaders who partnered with the staff to engage and reach not only Samford but also the world.

Shiloh, a weekly worship service held on Tuesday evenings in Reid Chapel, was one way to get involved with University Ministries. Students were invited to engage God with their heart, mind, soul and strength through this creative and intentional atmosphere. Shiloh uniquely incorporated art, communion, Scripture, music, silence, and reflection into their weekly services.

by JORDAN WEBB

"Community was the focus of University Ministries this year," said junior family studies major Nicole Smith. "Shiloh is a way for me to interact with my community in a deeply spiritual way. I can come together with peers who are all striving for the same thing."

Beyond Shiloh, the student leaders organized intramurals, a UM Step Sing show, Reel Justice films, Global Christian Fellowship, and more. This variety promoted the idea that whether students were drawn to theological discussion or tutoring inner city children, there was a place for them within University Ministries.

Sallie Forrester, junior family studies major, said, "My involvement with the various UM events allows me to just breathe and simply worship alongside people who care about what is going on in my life."

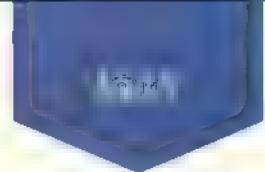
With community as its vision for this school year, UM strove to offer students relationships and growth at Samford and beyond.



University Ministries hosted its annual Breathe Retreat the weekend after Step Sing. Students spent 24 hours resting and enjoying time with one another.

# RUF





*Reformed University Fellowship, or RUF, had an outstanding year of community and spiritual growth on campus*

"It was a great year in RUF," said Matthew Terrell, RUF minister. "Our group grew, and we saw God working in the lives of many students at Samford. I am really thankful for the students God has brought into RUF and for the ways they have reached out to and served the campus."

The RUF ministry served more than just Samford's campus, taking trips to serve in other parts of Alabama.

"One of our best events was a mission trip we took to Huntsville, Ala," said Terrell. "We took a dozen students to serve with Lincoln Village Ministries, which served and provided housing, schooling and health care to families trapped in cycles of poverty."

This year, RUF changed its meeting location from Reid Chapel to Harry's Coffeehouse. "We moved into Harry's because we wanted somewhere that would be big enough to house all of us, but not too big," said senior history major Caleb Blow. "Harry's was the perfect

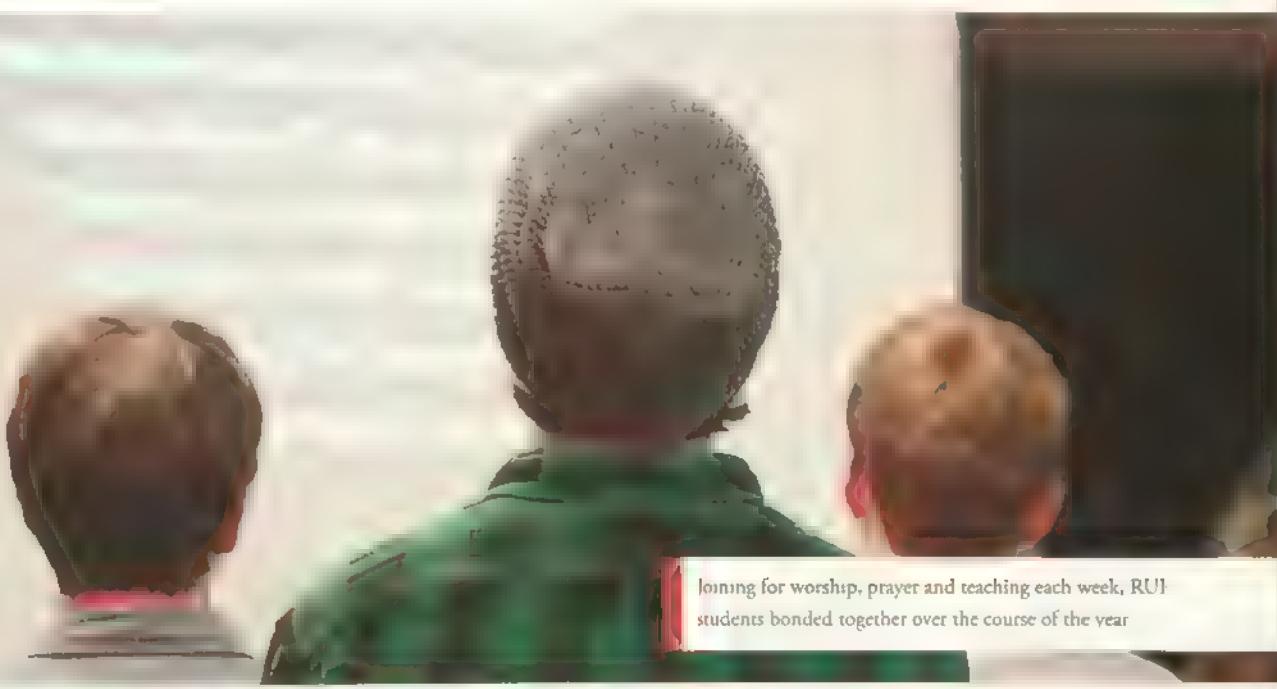
location because of its comfortable space and centrality on campus."

Blow was also the lead singer for RUF's music ministry. "Each week we had rehearsal and set up from 6-7:30," Blow said. "It was an opportunity to sound check, practice and pray before the worship service. Matthew Ferrell and I communicated about song selection before hand, and our goal was to have music centered around Christ."

Blow served in a variety of roles during his time as a student. "I started out as a percussionist, which was what RUF needed at the time," said Blow. "But from that point on I've always enjoyed serving with the worship band. When the previous leader stepped down I took his place of leading the music ministry."

Students that participated in RUF enjoyed the community that the ministry brought together.

"What I enjoyed about RUF was the community you found in the ministry," said Abbie Shimer, a sophomore nursing major. "It did not matter whether they were large groups, Bible study or community groups - we got closer together as an RUF family."



Joining for worship, prayer and teaching each week, RUF students bonded together over the course of the year



# Campus Outreach



photographer: CAITRIN WILLIAMS



*Campus Outreach was an interdenominational ministry with a vision for spiritual multiplication that sought to "glorify God by building laborers on college campuses for the lost world." This ministry strived to reach students with the Gospel to train them to become mature followers of Christ and leave college fully equipped to labor in the harvest field for the glory of God.*

CO met each Wednesday in Harry's Coffeehouse. Attendees also participated in Bible studies and Summer Beach Project, an eight-week mission opportunity in Florida.

Over 300 students were a part of a Campus Outreach Bible study or

By JORDAN WEBB

discipleship group this fall," said Matt Francisco, campus director.

Every year, a group of student leaders committed to passionately following Jesus served Campus Outreach as a whole. Around 30 students served on the leadership team, helping the ministry cast their annual vision, serving behind the scenes and assisting with Bible Studies and Discipleship Groups.

Campus Outreach president and senior Spanish major Taylor Steele said, "CO has taught me what it truly means to disciple others, what it means to place others before myself as Christ did, and that the cost of discipleship is far less than its rewards."

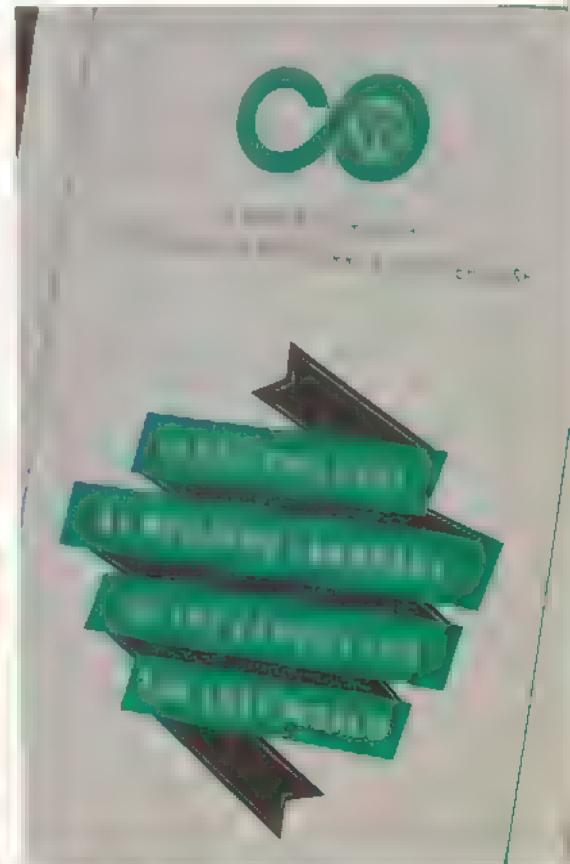


'The heart of CO is to help students fall in love with Christ, know what it looks like to follow Him, and help them impact others for His name's sake' said Francisco

Junior English major Abigail McNabb agreed. Campus Outreach has impacted my life in so many ways' McNabb said. 'It has given me my college community, spiritual encouragement and events like Beach

Project and retreats that have been such a huge part of my overall college experience.'

Many Samford students have experienced life-changing spiritual transformation through the evangelism, prayer and discipleship that Campus Outreach fostered at Samford.



Each week CO offered evening worship through music. Students met in Harry's Colloquium to hear students and community pastors share the Word of God.

# RANSOM

Atlanta Vision

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Finding a community of faith is a valuable and vital part of life for many students. One venue of worship for students is RANSOM, which stands for Radical Athlete aNd Student Oasis Ministry.

RANSOM grew from a football team Bible study into a weekly meeting for students from all areas of campus. In fact around one third of the usual attendees were non-athletes

As junior psychology major Amanda Moritz said, "RANSOM's main message to the Samford student body is that we are diverse."

RANSOM focused on discipleship and cultivating future leaders through God's power. Through prayer and active involvement in the lives of younger students, current leaders looked to the future of RANSOM. Leaders of RANSOM emphasized the importance of providing a variety of styles of worship and leadership

Junior marketing major Will Cavanaugh said the goal was "to keep

our focus fully on Jesus," an idea they referred to as "tunnel vision." Furthermore, Cavanaugh said a defining principle of RANSOM was that there was a place for everybody

Reaching beyond Samford, RANSOM started a branch at UAB and was also open to the community. RANSOM provided a place for people of all backgrounds to be free to grow their passion for Christ

Senior biology major Tony Thompson said RANSOM encouraged him to "freely and passionately worship God with his life." Thanks to RANSOM, he said, he was able to "embrace being a light on and off campus

RANSOM'S presence was felt across campus as the students involved worked to provide energy and encouragement. Moritz said, "I could not imagine even one day on campus without my RANSOM family."

This sentiment was echoed by others whose lives were deeply affected by RANSOM

by SARAH BAILY



# Catholic Student Association



*Catholic Student Association helped to foster the spiritual growth of Samford's Catholic students through on-campus Mass and regular group outings.*

Ryan Penney, a senior theatre major, said joining the Catholic Student Association was a formative experience.

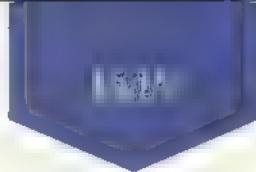
"In June of 2010, I broke my back, which began a major reversion back to God and to his Church," Penney said. "I started getting really involved in CSA my junior year and have been ever since."



Penney has seen a lot of change in the organization over the years. The group, which used to limit its activities to a monthly Mass and monthly meeting, started expanding its event calendar for the 2013-2014 school year.

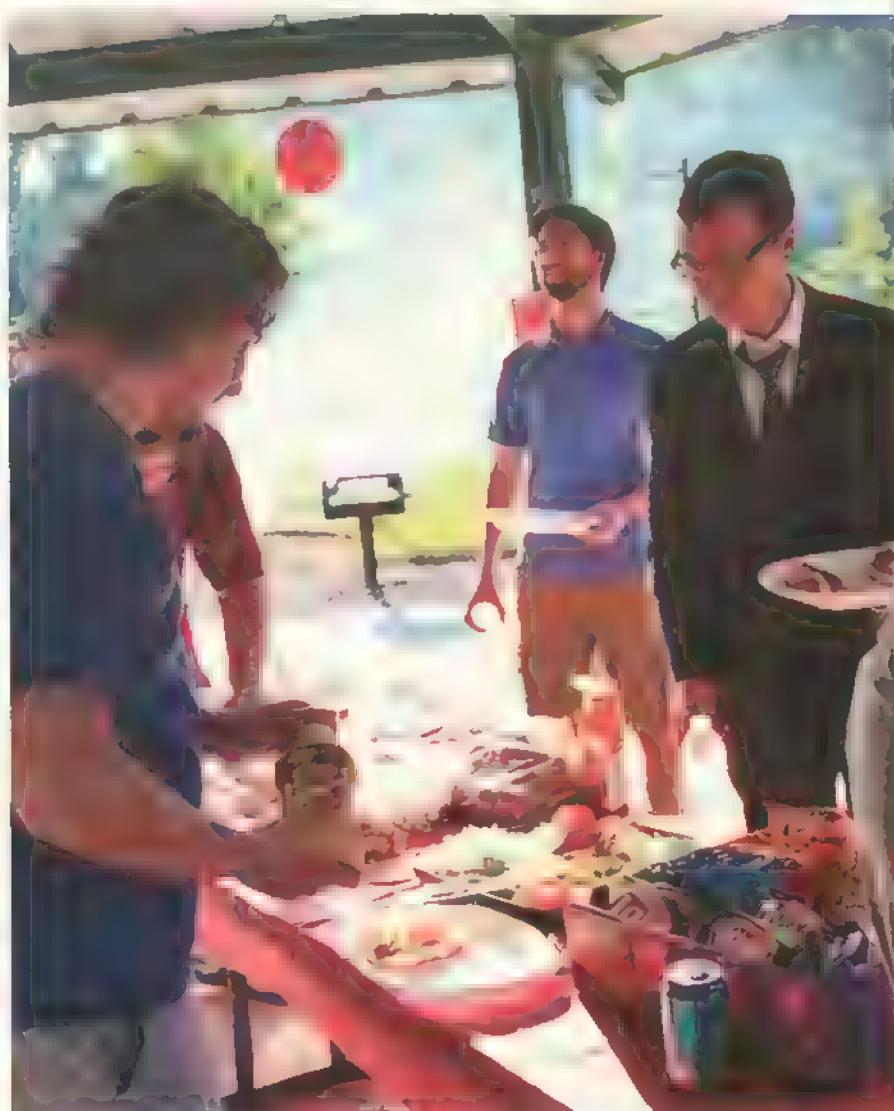
Now, the Catholic Student Association proudly provides a weekly Bible study at a faculty advisor's home, weekly Mass on campus and the Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and Mass every third Thursday.

"These frequent meetings have not only helped us grow closer to our Lord but have led to us growing our friendships with one another," Penney said.



It is clear that the Catholic Student Association has grown into a strong community of Catholic and non Catholic students alike.

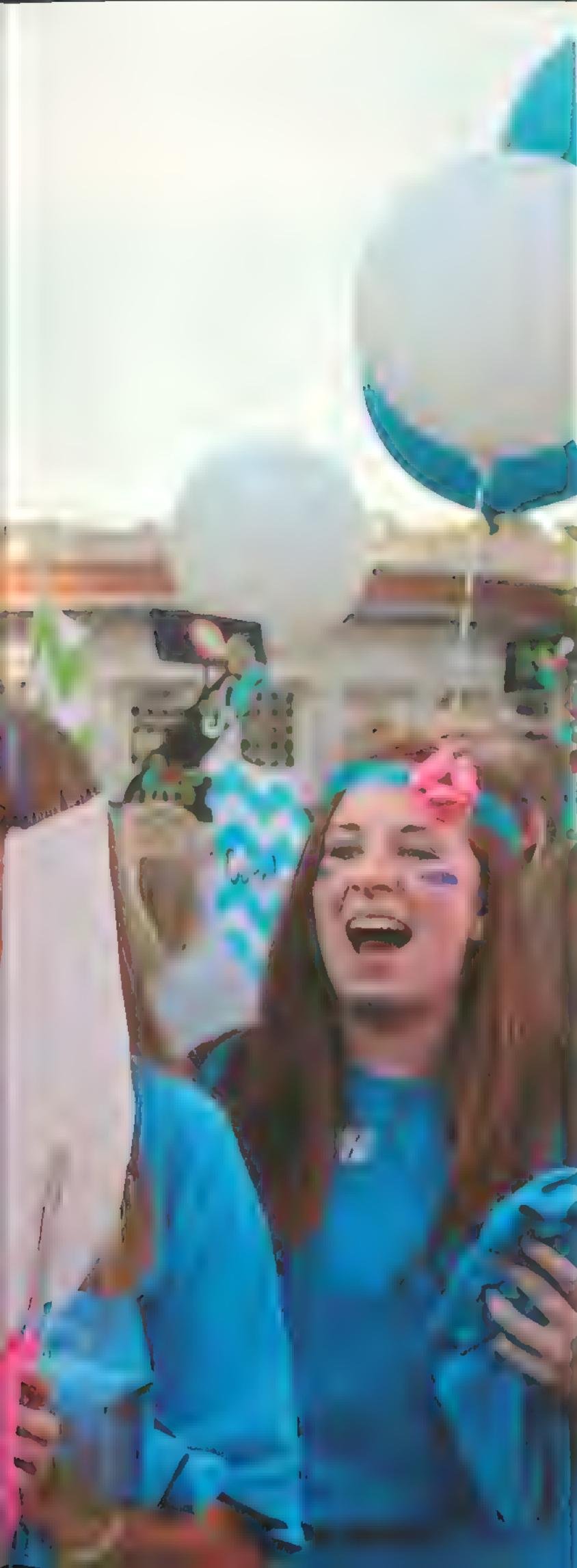
"God has obviously been moving within the Catholic Student Association, gathering us together and making us stronger," Penney said. "God's grace combined with our commitment and work to grow as an organization is the heart of our strength."



Celebrating the end of summer with a picnic, CSA members and friends gathered across the street from campus at the intramural fields for grilled food, fellowship and games.

# greek life





Fight, Fight, Fight, for Samford Bulldogs,  
Go onward to victory.

*Oh, we'll wear the red  
and blue, Samford,  
we're all for you . . .*

And we love you, too!

Fight, Fight, Fight, for Samford Bulldogs,

Go onward to victory.

Oh, we'll give a cheer or two,

Samford, we're all for you . . .

Fight! Fight! Fight!

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# Greek Life

## Majority of freshman women experience recruitment

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

by CHELSEA PENNINGTON, Samford Crimson

Panhellenic recruitment was bigger than ever this year; the number of freshmen women going through rush has increased significantly, with only about 50 women not participating.

In the past, Samford's Greek Life has made up about 30 to 40 percent of undergraduate students.

Freshman history major Emily Springer offered her own rush experience as a reason for this increase: "I thought rush would be good to meet people, whether or not I pledge. It was a way to expand my knowledge of Samford and an opportunity to do something I'd never done before."

"My favorite part is just sitting down with the girls, getting a feel for them and the different personality types of the houses," Springer said.



## Record numbers for IFC recruitment

September 25, 2013

## ATO continues colonizing efforts

FEBRUARY 26, 2014

by HANLEY SMITH, Samford Crimson

The men of Alpha Tau Omega are taking campus by storm. Representatives of the fraternity have only been on campus for a week and a half, but in that time they have recruited at least 15 men to join their organization. RJ Taylor and Jeff Hazelrigs, two consultants for ATO, have been in the food court nearly every day, talking to more than 120 Samford men about ATO.

# *Chi Omega celebrates 50th anniversary*

*November 19, 2013*

# *Phi Mu auction to benefit children's hospitals*

*March 12, 2014*

# *Pi Kappa Phi suspension lifted*

**MARCH 12, 2014**

**by SYDNEY CROMWELL** Samford Crimson

A hazing allegation led to the temporary suspension of the Alpha Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity in March. After an investigation, the chapter is no longer under suspension, but the judicial process continues.

On March 13, the Office of Greek Life informed leaders of the Greek community about Pi Kappa Phi's suspension, citing "a pattern of behavior inconsistent with both their organizational values and Samford values" in relation to the 2013 class of new members.

While under suspension, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi could not participate in Greek Life or fraternity functions, including social events, intramural games and chapter meetings.

"It outlaws just about everything you can do as a chapter," Pi Kappa Phi president and senior accounting major Vaughn McCrary said.



Director of Greek Life Denny Bubrig said the Office of Values Advocacy, the Office of Greek Life and the national Pi Kappa Phi headquarters collaborated on the investigation, which culminated in a hearing on Thursday, April 3.

# *AOII, Sigma Chi plan to swap houses in the fall*

**FEBRUARY 20, 2014**

**by MADISON MILES** Samford Crimson

This summer Sigma Chi and Alpha Omicron Pi will begin the process of swapping houses on campus. This transition will be complete by the fall 2014 semester.

The change was brought on by space limitations for the growing Alpha Omicron Pi and Sigma Chi failing to adhere to a Greek Life contract concerning housing occupancy.

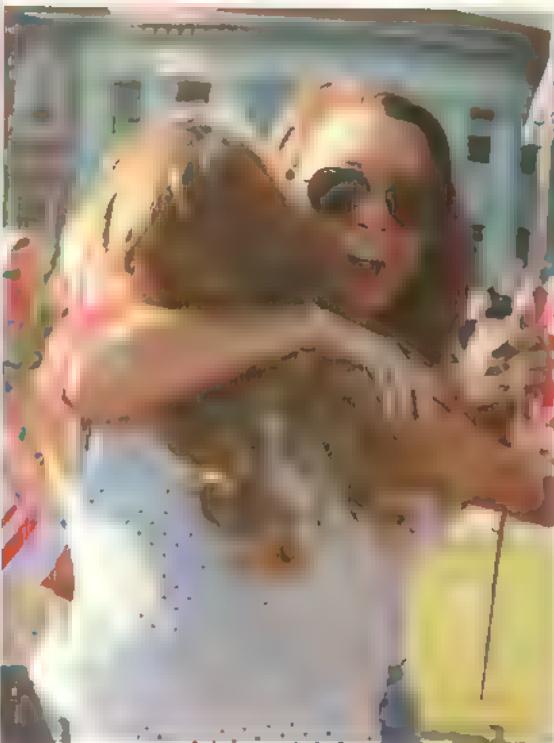
The decision was based on building capacities and chapter capability to fill the rooms that were allocated to them in their houses.

"Each Greek organization is obligated contractually to keep their house at 100 percent occupancy," said Greek Life Director Denny Bubrig. "If they don't, there are different provisions that are enacted to work with chapters in order to get them back up to 100 percent occupancy, if those provisions are unsuccessful then a decision has to be made about the chapter being able to stay in their house."

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# Recruitment

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After opening their first craft beer tap in the Wright Center, new members rushed over the quad to join sororities and meet their predecclass.

More than 350 girls, a record number, went through Panhellenic Recruitment—the formal “rush” process for Samford’s five Panhellenic sororities; Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha.

For potential new members, the idea of going through recruitment is both exhilarating and terrifying.

“Rush was actually a lot of fun! I built it up to be this big scary thing but I seriously loved it,” said Ann Robertson, a freshman early childhood education major.

Robertson waited anxiously for Sept. 12 when each house excitedly opened their doors for philanthropy night. The sororities hosted two separate nights of parties to accommodate the large number of potential new members. Philanthropy night celebrated the philanthropy each sorority supports and girls found out ways to get involved in community service.

The second round was theme night, which gave each sorority a chance to show off their unique personality and style.

Preference night was the last—and most serious—round as girls made

their decisions about which sisterhood is the best fit for them.

Finally, bid day (also known as “squeal day”) was on Sept. 16. Girls rushed onto the quad to join their new sororities after receiving their bid cards in the Wright Center.

Greek Life experienced massive growth with a record size freshman class and a large amount of sophomores and juniors who participated in recruitment.

“I thought it was really great to see so many girls interested in Greek life. I know each one of them found a great home in Greek Life,” said junior journalism and mass communication major Hailey Smith.

For the members of each sorority, the recruitment process is an opportunity to grow the chapter.

“Getting to meet new freshman girls that could potentially be a part of your sisterhood makes for an exciting weekend,” said Emily Ann Domke, a sophomore math and education double major. “You can’t wait to see all the ways the new girls are going to contribute to your chapter.”



New members are greeted with excitement and hugs from upperclassmen sisters.





photographers: TATE HOLCOMBE & CAITRIN WILLIAMS



*With the expansion of its newest fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, Samford's Interfraternal Council, the governing body over Samford's fraternities, had a big year. Samford's Greek community came to include Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Phi, Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Tau Omega.*

The Council worked to help ensure that Samford's fraternities would include a focus on philanthropy and make a difference on campus.

"This year, IFC welcomed a new organization, adopted St. Jude Children's Hospital as its official philanthropy and made huge strides in finding out a way to effectively budget and make dues fair to every organization we represent," said Jake Moore, a junior political science major and IFC president.

After semesters of work, IFC was able to expand to include another fraternity.

BY MELISSA SMITH

"I think the biggest difference IFC made this year was helping ATO adjust to being a part of the IFC community, and helping them hit the ground running in terms of getting their organization started," Moore said. "We are very excited to see where they are going to go and how they can contribute to the Greek community, the Samford community and the Birmingham community."

Junior psychology major Ben Cooper helped organize study breaks for the Samford community as a member of IFC. "We had well over 100 people show up," Cooper said. "It was a lot of fun."

IFC has their eyes on the future, and passed new legislation to help allow certain executive members back on campus early to prepare for recruitment.

# Panhellenic

*Panhellenic Council served as the governing council for the sororities on campus who represented the National Panhellenic Conference.*

Nine officers, selected from Samford's five Panhellenic sororities, made up the council. The Panhellenic Council played various roles on campus, both behind the scenes and at the forefront of Greek life. They provided community programming, leadership opportunities and standards for the sororities at Samford while ensuring ethical conduct by member organizations.

While sorority recruitment was Panhellenic's largest event, they also sponsored annual events including study breaks during finals week, eating disorder awareness events and new events to welcome freshmen into Greek life.

Panhellenic Council president and senior journalism major Julianna Hallman said, "Panhellenic is making more strides than ever toward progress. Recruitment rates have risen and the houses are growing, which is great for Samford as a whole."

This year's council was different than the last in many ways. Kendall McPheeeters, junior biology major and vice president of recruitment,

said, "This year marks a point of change in the council. Whether it is the decrease in the number of council members, reworking the recruitment schedule or truly diving into the full potential of the Panhellenic community, socially and philanthropically, this council has been motivated to make change."

Not only did Panhellenic promote Greek life as a whole, but the nine women who served on the council found it to be personally beneficial as well. Junior family studies major and vice president of administration, Caroline England said, "I love this side of Greek life because it has given me the opportunity to get to know people in other sororities."

McPheeeters agreed. "Panhellenic has been a joy, as I have met some of my best friends from serving with them in this capacity," she said. This council was a great representation of the unity among the five sororities on Samford's campus, as the leaders of Panhellenic came together to promote the betterment of Greek life as a whole.

by JORDAN WEBB



Although Panhellenic Council reduced the number of council members, the women continued to make improvements to Greek life on campus, including working with IFC through recruitment.



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# *Alpha Omicron Pi*



photographers: MATTLYN MULLEN, CAITRIN WILLIAMS & PAIGE VAN DE VUURAT



AOII members throw their Alpha Love sign during a photobooth at one of the sorority's social events.

The sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi have continued to "Exceed the Expectation" since they were founded in 1897 at Barnard College. The AOII Rho Delta chapter started the year off strong by welcoming over 60 new members on Bid Day.

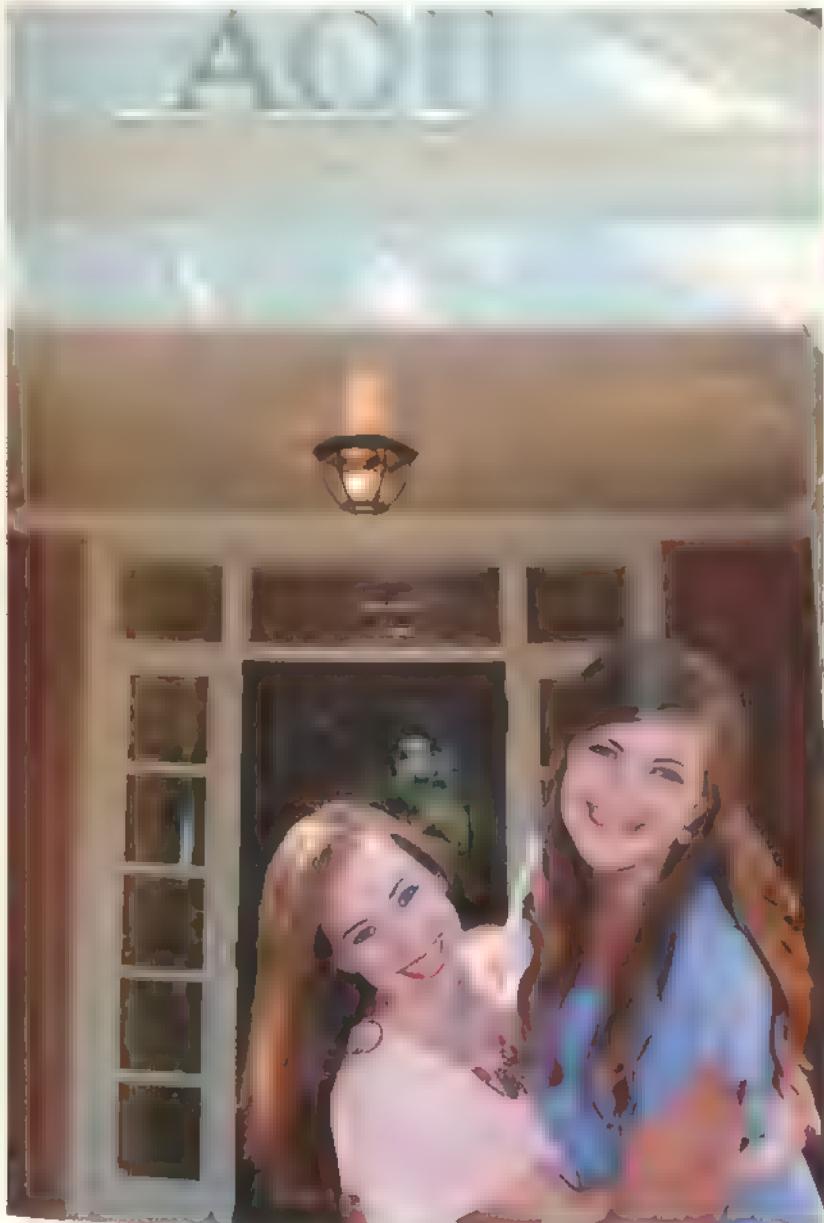
AOII proudly continued their winning streak as they took home the Step Sing philanthropy award, an award they have won since they came on campus in 1995. During the year, the sisters of AOII held two signature philanthropy events: Smoke Out Arthritis and Strike Out Arthritis.

**Smoke Out Arthritis**, a barbecue on Ben Brown, gave Samford a chance to relax and listen to music while supporting the Arthritis Foundation. Strike Out Arthritis was held in the spring and raised money for the Arthritis Foundation at a Samford baseball game.

Jenna Harper, a junior nursing major and AOII president, said, "Strike Out gives us a chance to raise awareness for a cause that affects so many kids, and we love the opportunity to cheer on the Samford baseball team."

Alpha Omicron Pi also held their Red Rose Ball, a formal event that occurs every four years. Red Rose allowed alumnae and current members

by MATTYNN MUELEN



to reunite and celebrate their sisterhood throughout the years.

Alpha Omicron Pi participated in many events this year, including Relay for Life, War of the Roses, Derby Days, Samford Gives Back, and more. This year, AOII held their sisterhood retreat at the Big Oak Girls Ranch. The sisters relaxed together while building the friendship.

"Sisterhood retreats are a great way for sisters to relax and really get to know one another," Harper said.

Rachel Burbanks, a junior journalism major, said, "Through this genuine sisterhood, I have met amazing women who impact my life daily. I am so lucky to be able to call AOII my home and these girls my sisters."

Alpha Omicron Pi has seen unprecedented growth this year, and there will surely be more to come. Whether they were working to help raise awareness for juvenile arthritis or just cooking together in the sorority house, AOII's always had a smile ready.

Halley Smith, a junior journalism major, says she will always remember the times she spent with sisters. "It's so easy to just relax and be yourself in AOII," Smith said. "I'm surrounded by both sisters and best friends, and every day I love AOII more and more."



# Alpha Delta Pi



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The Kappa Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi was comprised of a diverse group of women with talents in track, theater, journalism, dance and everything in between. This chapter continued to provide a place for like-hearted women to come together in a distinct sisterhood as they not only sought to better themselves but also the community and world around them.

Sophomore Paige Shelby said ADPi's motto, "We live for each other," was one idea "we do not take lightly, as each and every day we strive to encourage one another. For this reason, ADPi is a constant source of support, laughter and memories for its members."

The sorority's national philanthropy was Ronald McDonald House,

which serves as a home away from home for the families of sick and hospitalized children. The Kappa chapter specifically supported the Birmingham RMH through two large fundraising events, the Lion's Share Golf Challenge in the fall and the Run for Ronald 5k in the spring.

The chapter members also went once a month to serve dinner and play bingo with the families staying at the local RMH. Courtney Ingram, sophomore pre-pharmacy major and philanthropy chair, said, "It has been so rewarding seeing the money we have raised every year being used to benefit countless deserving families." Ingram believed RMH's vision to be the driving force behind ADPi's service. "We believe that when you change a child's life, you change a family's, which can change

a community, and ultimately the world

In addition to their service and scholarship efforts, ADPi held numerous social events this year to allow their members to deepen bonds and make memories together. In the fall, ADPi hosted their annual Mallard Ball and semi-formal, followed by a Mardi Gras-themed party and formal in the spring.

With recruitment, intramural teams, Bible studies and sisterhood retreat,

the Kappa chapter "gave its members the opportunity to find community and fun in the midst of four of the busiest and potentially stressful years of life," said Caroline England, a junior family studies major.

Meredith Wright, a first year pharmacy student and ADPi president, said, "The years of our chapter's strong reputation and many accomplishments has made my job not only easy, but enjoyable. Our chapter continues to emphasize the importance of academics, campus involvement, community service and relationships with one another, so that we maintain a standard of excellence established by those before us."



# *Chi Omega*



photographers: PATRICK RAMSAY, CAITRIN WILLIAMS & MADDIE DAVIS

The Zeta Zeta chapter of Chi Omega celebrated its 50th anniversary this year, as the women continued their commitment to excellence in academic and intellectual pursuits, community service, leadership opportunities and social enrichment. The chapter also welcomed its largest pledge class yet, with 65 new members.

Social chairs Emmy Carswell, sophomore nutrition major, and Murphy McCrary sophomore speech pathology major, said they "worked hard to diversify Chi Omega's social events this year through having mixers with all of the fraternities, in addition to our large events, such as formal, semi-formal, pledge bash and tailgates."

"We view socials as a great way for meeting new people as well as maintaining the bonds already formed within the sorority," said McCrary.

Beyond social events, Chi Omega also had a strong presence in Step Sing 2014. Senior exercise science major Jane Alice Moore was one of Chi Omega's Step Sing directors.

Moore said that during the two weeks that they have to prepare for the show, the Chi Omega Step Sing group could be described by "endless togetherness, abrupt and contagious laughter and memories of a lifetime being made."

This year, Chi Omega's Step Sing participants took on the role of gypsies, while singing and dancing to songs including "Rich Girl" by Gwen Stefani, "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen and "Royals" by Lorde.

The Zeta Zeta chapter also held a "Week For Wishes" to support their philanthropy, Make-A-Wish. Samford students purchased food from the Melt truck, bought coffee and muffins in Ben Brown or went to one of four local restaurants where proceeds went towards Make-A-Wish. The week came to a close with "Wish Café," which allowed sororities and fraternities to present a musically talented representative from their organization to perform a song.

Sigma Chi won the talent show, which afforded them a donation to their philanthropy and a pancake meal from Chi Omega.

Senior biology major Katie Dixon said, "fundraising for the Make-A-Wish foundation increased tremendously this year, as the chapter successfully raised over \$9,000, which was enough to fund a wish for a child."

From socials to philanthropy events, members of Chi Omega deepened their bonds over the year and were excited about welcoming even more women into their growing chapter in 2014.

by JORDAN WEBB



In celebration of Chi Omega Zeta Zeta's 50th anniversary, the sisters planned a homecoming event for the past 50 years of sisters. The weekend allowed current members to share memories of the past with their Chi Omega sisters.

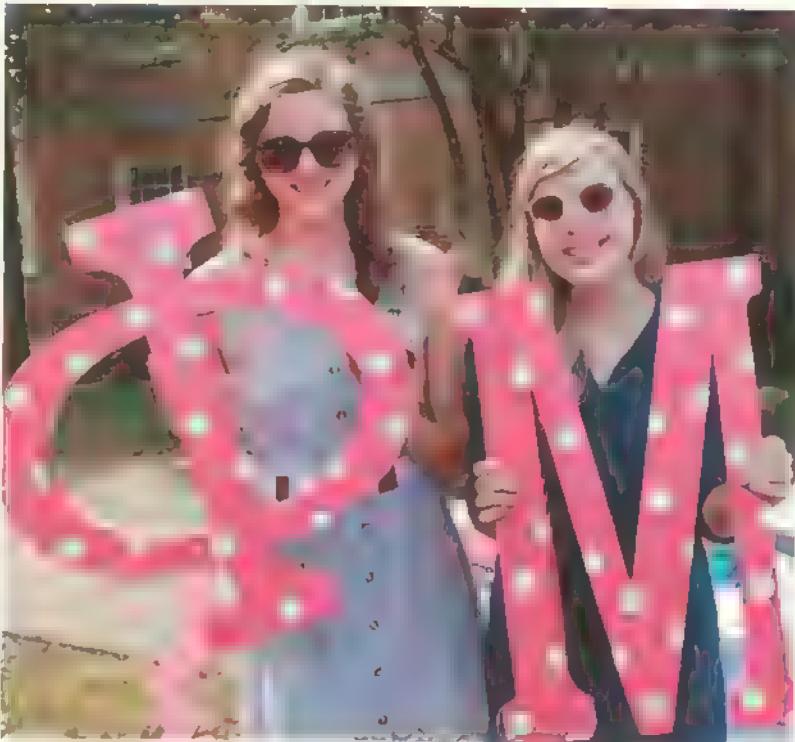


# Phi Mu



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EMILY SARVER, LEXI BAILEY & SAMANTHA



The Alpha Gamma chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity, a vibrant, values-based women's organization founded on the principles of love, honor and truth, was home to many women at Samford.

Junior graphic design major and recruitment chair Scottie Lenning found her home in Phi Mu. "Samford really felt like home after I joined Phi Mu and found my place with these amazing women," said Lenning.

"Though it sounds cliché to call them sisters, that is what they have become to me, as I have shared every aspect of college with these girls, from winning intramural championships, to long Step Sing practices,

to fun parties and even difficult classes."

"I believe that this chapter is very unique in its desire to serve and the way we value our Biblical foundation," said Lenning.

Phi Mu's national philanthropy was Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The Alpha Gamma chapter helped serve this cause by sending a group of girls every week to "The Zone" at the Children's Hospital of Alabama to play and make crafts with the kids. They also hosted their annual 5K Children's Miracle Run in the fall and Car Wash in the spring.

The Alpha Gamma chapter also supported two children, Rolson and Maria, through Compassion Kids International. Sarah Brook Williams, junior journalism and mass communication major and chapter president, said. "We have raised over \$50,000 for Children's Miracle Network. It is truly a humbling experience to be a leader of such an amazing group of women."

From mission trips to inner-city volunteering, this chapter was active and passionate about serving others in the community as well as internationally.

The Alpha Gamma chapter also made plenty of time for exciting social

events this year. Sophomore marketing and management major and social chair Lexi Ballard said, "I had the privilege of planning multiple mixers, such as an ice cream social with the baseball team, a luau with Sigma Nu, an all-American mixer with Lambda Chi and many more."

A *The Great Gatsby*-themed semi-formal and "Bright Lights, Magic City" formal were also incorporated into the Phi Mu's social calendar.

From recruitment to social events, and everything in-between, Phi Mu not only deepened their bonds with one another during this school year but also gave back to the community and made Samford's campus a better place.



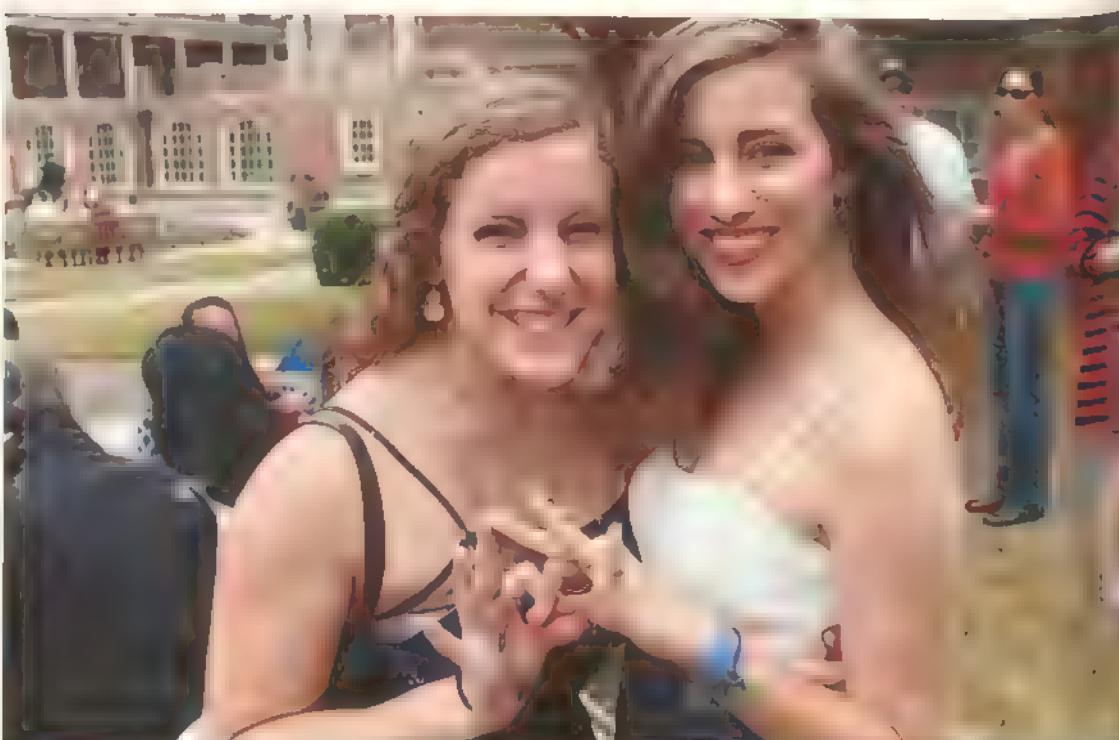
Phi Mu sisters stormed the Birmingham Zoo for an animal-themed tailgate. A group of Phi Muses posed for a photo before heading over to the event.



# Zeta Tau Alpha



JANICE CATHERIN WILLIAMS





The sisters of the Delta Psi Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha enjoyed a year of good memories, sweet victories and abundant philanthropic work.

The sisterhood brought in 62 new girls in the fall and welcomed them with a *The Walking Dead*-themed fall party. The date party crawled with the undead in their torn, bloodstained clothing as well as classy historical figures such as Audrey Hepburn.

ZTA brought home the trophy when Pi Kappa Phi hosted its annual War of the Roses, winning by participating in the bake off, dodge ball tournament, skit contest and more.

For the second year in a row, ZTA took home the prize for the best Homecoming float with the theme "Bulldogs Blast Off to Victory!"

When a snowy February rolled around, 70 Zetas trained as circus performers for the Step Sing show, "I Open at the Close," which portrayed circus life behind the scenes. A crowd favorite, this show earned six awards, including first runner-up.

The girls enjoyed sisterhood activities like running the Color Run, filling a theatre to see *Catching Fire* on the day it came out, a finale party

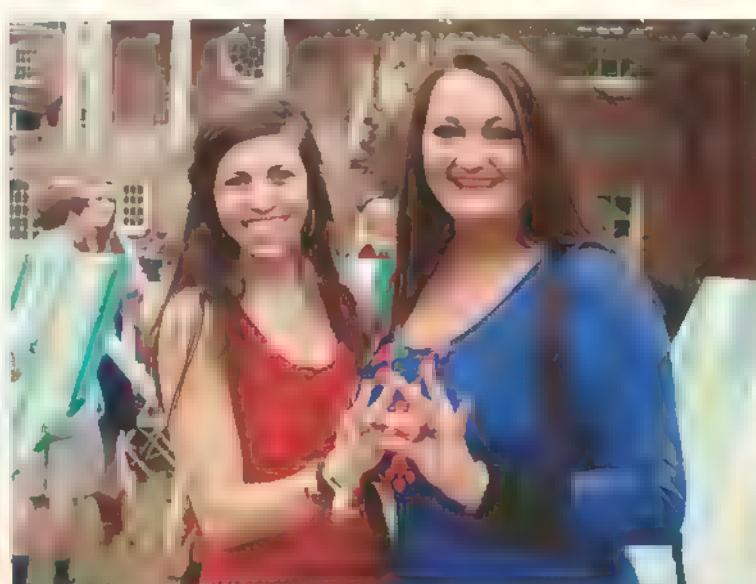
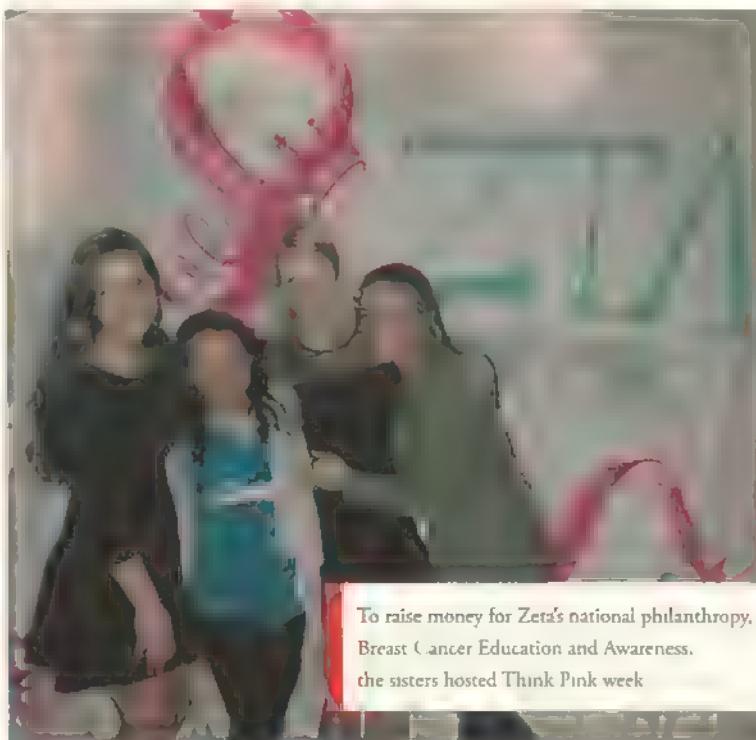
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for "The Bachelor" and a trivia night. The Miss Samford pageant was directed by a sister and two Zetas participated, drawing in a huge fan section and bringing home multiple awards.

October was an exciting time of the year for the Zetas. Nationally recognized as breast cancer awareness month, the Zetas spent the month on Ben Brown passing out Think Pink ribbons around campus to raise awareness and selling pink lemonade and other pink snacks to raise money for their philanthropy, Breast Cancer Education and Awareness.

In addition, they hosted their annual Dance-a-thon, a night of dancing and prizes for anyone on campus. They also hosted the Mr. Samford pageant in the spring. Each Panhellenic sorority sponsored two men to compete in the pageant, and after several rounds including on stage question and talent, ZTA's contestant Hunter Gibbs was crowned king.

"This year Zeta made great strides academically and through campus involvement," 2013 president Liz Zegler said, "We grew as a sisterhood and were able to serve the community and campus in new ways."



# *Alpha Kappa*

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*Since its chartering on campus in 1988, the women of the Omicron Mu chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., have been leaders in academic and service pursuits. Samford's chapter of AKA has been recognized through the years as an exemplary undergraduate chapter on both a regional and national level because of significant contributions to a variety of philanthropies and outstanding personal achievements of its members.*

The women of the sorority focused on philanthropic efforts on campus and beyond. The group hosted AKA Week, or "Skee Week 2014," which targeted raising campus awareness of issues such as eating disorders and self-esteem. The group also participated in the American Heart Association Diabetes Walk held on campus during November.

The group's impact reached beyond campus as well. Members held emerging young leaders' workshops and financial seminars at middle schools in the Birmingham area.

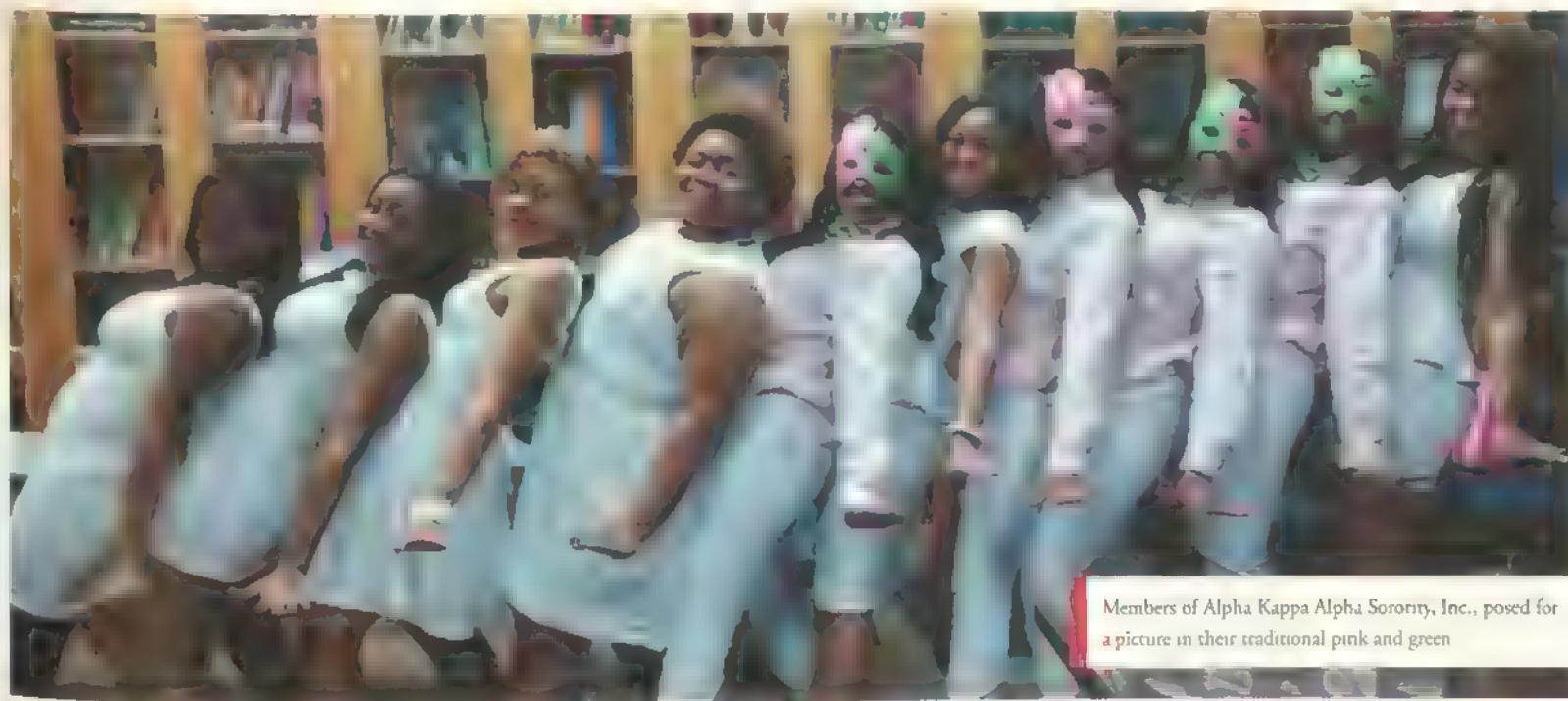
Much of the chapter's philanthropic work went toward the Sickle Cell Foundation, an annual focus for the chapter. They also participated in the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Walk.

"The aspect of AKA I love most is being able to give back to the Samford campus community and the surrounding Birmingham area by focusing on our philanthropies," said senior psychology major Rachel Brown. Brown was a member of the sorority for three years before becoming chapter president.

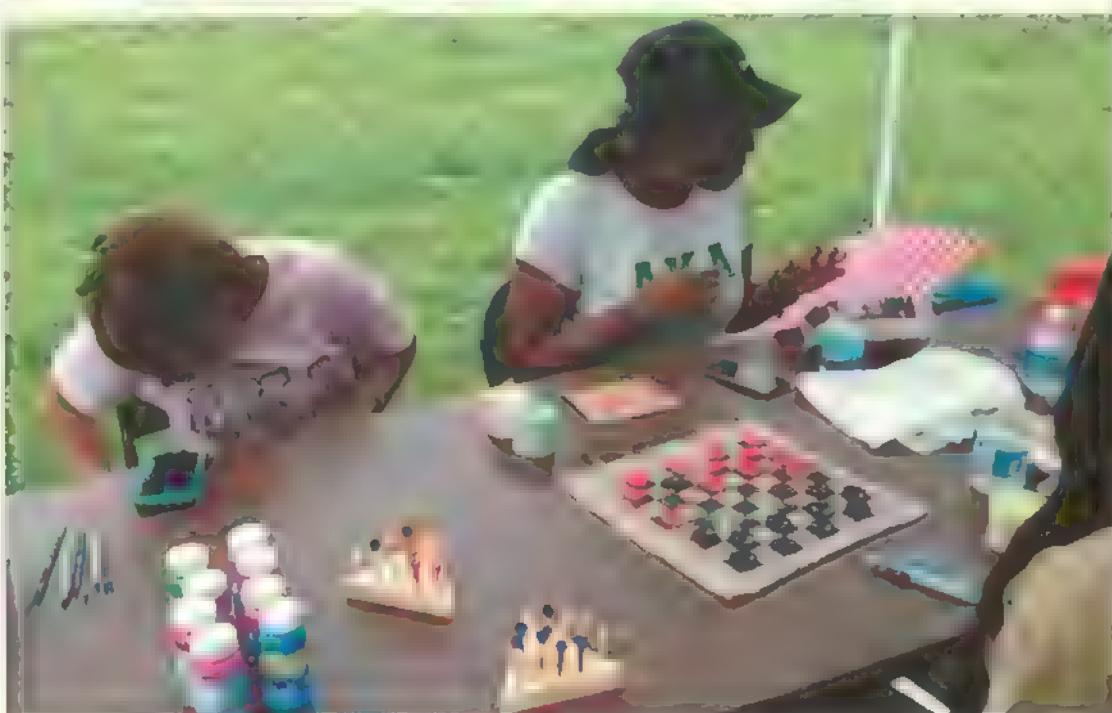
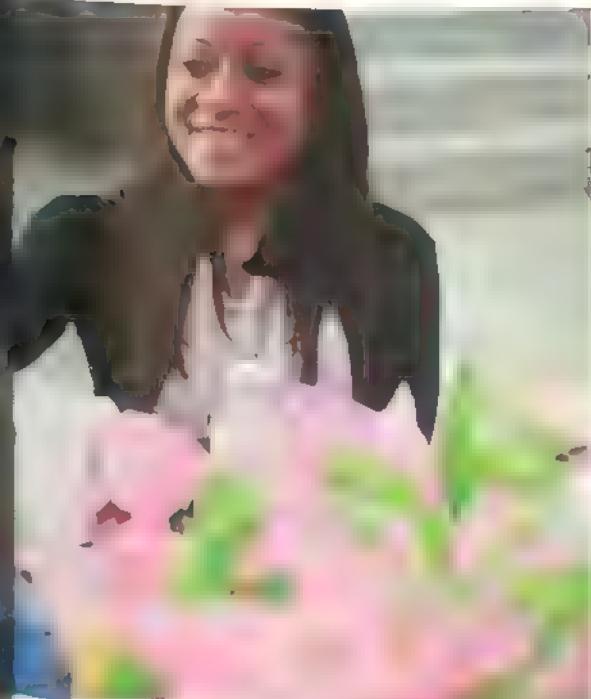
The group welcomed four new members during the spring semester and seeks to grow even more in the coming years.

"Our goals for the future include increasing our membership and further incorporating campus interest into our programs and service events," Brown said.

BY RACHEL STANBACH



Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., posed for a picture in their traditional pink and green



# Delta Sigma Theta



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The Sigma Eta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. had an incredible school year. The women of the sorority hosted and participated in community service events including Dirt Dash at the Botanical Gardens, Boo at the Zoo, donating to the Jimmie Hale Mission and hosting an Easter egg hunt for Kindergarteners at Epic Elementary.

DST President Melanie Pippen was proud to lead this group of talented women. "The Sigma Eta chapter are scholarly women involved in campus activities and in the community," said Pippen, a senior athletic training major. "Delta Sigma Theta not only cares about its

members but dedicates themselves to the constructive development of its members."

The chapter's dedication to serving others was obvious to the Samford community, whether they were raising money to fund a scholarship on campus or hosting a blood drive in honor of the late Caroline Neisler, a former Samford volleyball player who passed away due to leukemia.

"Getting the whole campus involved in this mission to raise awareness of blood cancers and become a match meant so much to her parents, the volleyball team and the Samford community," said Pippen.

For Pippen, her favorite activity was welcoming new members into the sorority. "To see women come together for the love of the sorority who all have a mind to strive for sisterhood, scholarship and service is a beautiful thing," said Pippen.

Next year, the women of the Sigma Eta chapter want to "create more diversity and create more open discussions for the whole community," said

Pippen. "The chapter would also like to bring a more community presence by engaging in more community issues that are affecting our younger generation."

The women of the Sigma Eta chapter had a landmark year for the sorority, and were able to help support each other and the Samford community in ways that will help benefit women for years to come.



Delta Sigma Theta sisters performed a stomp routine at a Panhellenic and Pan Hellenic co-sponsored stomp event

# *Delta Xi Phi*



photographer: EMILY HARVER



*Delta Xi Phi's Omega chapter celebrated its two-year anniversary this year.*

"We formed largely out of a desire to promote and embrace diversity on a largely homogeneous campus," said sophomore communication studies major Natalie Bennie. "We love this community, but we also see its faults. We are driven by a passion to change the Samford culture for the better."

DXP members were devoted to 5 pillars: sisterhood, friendship, community service, advancement of women through higher education and increasing multicultural awareness.

"We try to reflect these five pillars in everything we do," said junior history major Nicole Poland.

This year, DXP partnered with the School of the Arts and the Office of Diversity and Intercultural Initiatives for a celebration of Hispanic music. Musicians used their talents to share different types of Hispanic music with the community.

For Dia de los Muertos, they hosted an educational booth on Ben Brown Plaza where they sold hot chocolate and provided students with skull

coloring sheets.

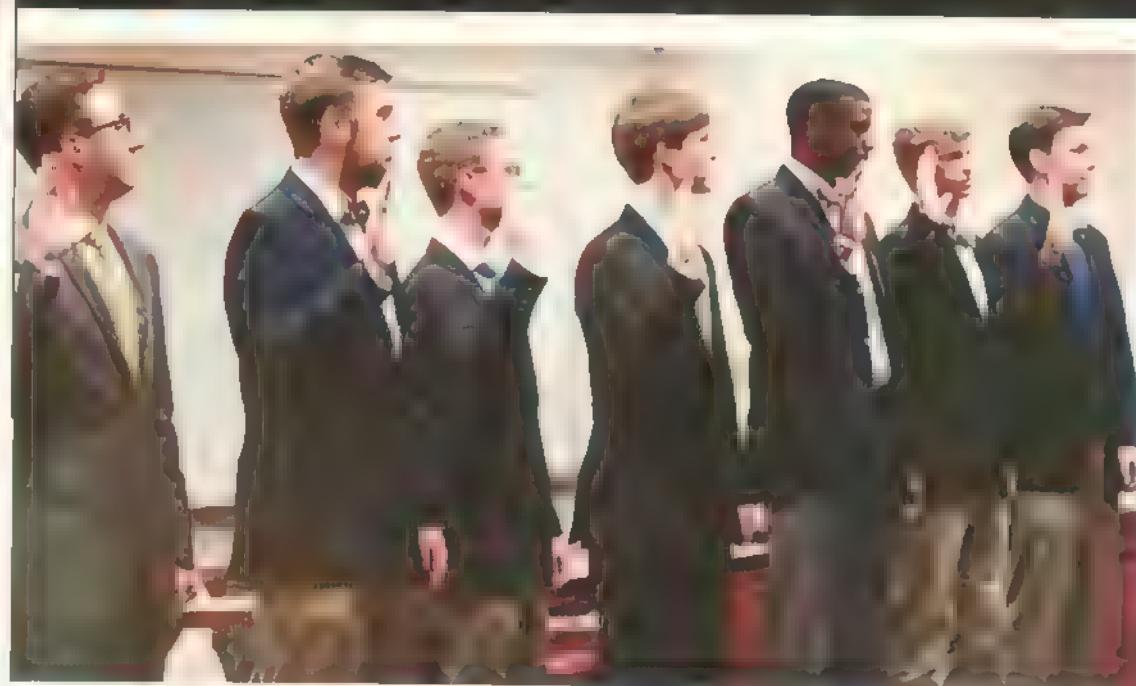
In the spring, DXP worked with Chi Omega and the Committee of Multicultural Affairs to screen the film *Girl Rising*. The event involved the film screening, popcorn and drink sales to raise money for S.A.V.E., a nonprofit founded by Chi Omega member Laura Bean, and a talk by Laura Bean and Julia Jordan-Lake about their experiences in Haiti over Spring Break. In April, DXP also hosted a "Natural Beauty" themed table for Earth Day.

DXP was actively involved on campus this year although they only had six members.

"Our biggest challenge at the moment is getting our name out there on campus," Poland said. "I would love to see DXP grow in our influence on campus in simply getting students to think about their surroundings in the context of the rest of the world. I think we get caught up in the 'Samford Bubble' sometimes and either don't notice or don't want to notice how little diversity we have on campus. I would love to see students caring more about this issue, and I would love for DXP to play a role in increasing that awareness."



# Alpha Tau Omega



photographer: CAITRIN WILLIAMS

Greek Life saw the expansion of a new fraternity onto campus as it welcomed the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega on campus. For four weeks, men from ATO headquarters worked at Samford to interview and find the men who would become Founding Fathers of the new fraternity on campus. ATO colonized with an impressive 43 men who worked for the rest of the semester to lay the groundwork for the fraternity in years to come.

Patrick O'Connor, the newly appointed president of ATO, said the decision to lead a new organization was an important one. "I made the decision to join ATO because of the leadership opportunities to grow a new organization on campus," said O'Connor, a senior education major. "I want men to find community here but not be defined by that community."

PHOTO BY CAITRIN WILLIAMS

In the spring, the men of ATO were able to host several events with other sororities and groups on campus and volunteered their time at Habitat for Humanity on weekends. The Founding Fathers of the fraternity had a lot of work to accomplish in their first semester. "Things have been busy, but I am very thankful for the leadership that the men in the fraternity have already given," said O'Connor. "Having great leaders within an organization makes my job easy."

The new fraternity bonded as brothers quickly. Chase Ferguson, a sophomore biology major, said his favorite thing about ATO was the passion he saw in his brothers. "Seeing how they work together and show their passion is great," said Ferguson. "I want to see us become a really established member of the Greek community and see how we as Greek life can grow and become a cohesive group instead of five distinct fraternities."



AIO's founding president, Patrick O'Connor, was sworn in as president by a member of AIO headquarters during the fraternity's colonization ceremony.

# *Lambda Chi*

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*Lambda Chi Alpha had a formative year as the chapter tripled in size and bonded as brothers.*

President David Guarino said his brothers encouraged and strengthened each other. "It's been about building up each other to become better men. We want to make a difference on campus," said Guarino.

"It's great to see the chapter rebuild and establish itself on campus again," said Guarino. "Even though we're so different, we really believe we're the closest knit group of guys on campus."

The men worked hard to redefine what it means to be a Lambda Chi through multiple brotherhood events and retreats, mixers with Zeta Tau Alpha and Phi Mu, and booths at Relay For Life.

"I really like the mixers, those were a lot of fun," said Reed Stewart, a

freshman pre-business major. "It's great to meet new people and make a lot of connections."

It's clear these men had an unshakeable bond. Grant Berry, a junior sports medicine major, said brotherhood was their biggest goal.

"I'm most proud of getting as many guys as we did," said Berry. "Overall, the thing that matters most to us was quality over quantity. We pride ourselves on taking our core values and applying those to our recruiting process."

Samford students can expect to see a lot more of Lambda Chi in the future as they continue to grow and impact the Samford community.

"We like to have fun together. We love hanging out. We would do anything for each other," said Berry.

by MAILEY DAWKINS



Lambda Chi brothers joined alumni and friends with their Homecoming tailgate. The brothers enjoyed one another's company before kickoff.

# Pi Kappa Phi

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*The men of Pi Kappa Phi had an incredibly memorable year. The brothers were a force on campus as they played intramurals together, participated in Relay for Life and Samford Gives Back and won their second consecutive Step Sing Sweepstakes with a politically-themed performance.*

Senior marketing major Drew Hall's favorite memory of the year was Step Sing. "It was an opportunity to be a part of something larger than ourselves. When we won, we knew we had done it together," Hall said. "We left the show knowing we did what we came to do whether we won or lost in the end."

Warren Handrahan shared the same sentiments. "The feeling of winning for the second year in a row was indescribable," said Handrahan, a sophomore business major. "We feel so truly blessed to have had the opportunity to perform that show."

The brothers also held several events this semester including tailgates, rush events, mixers, War of the Roses and Southern Gents. Their annual Caribbean party in the fall was another of Handrahan's favorite events.

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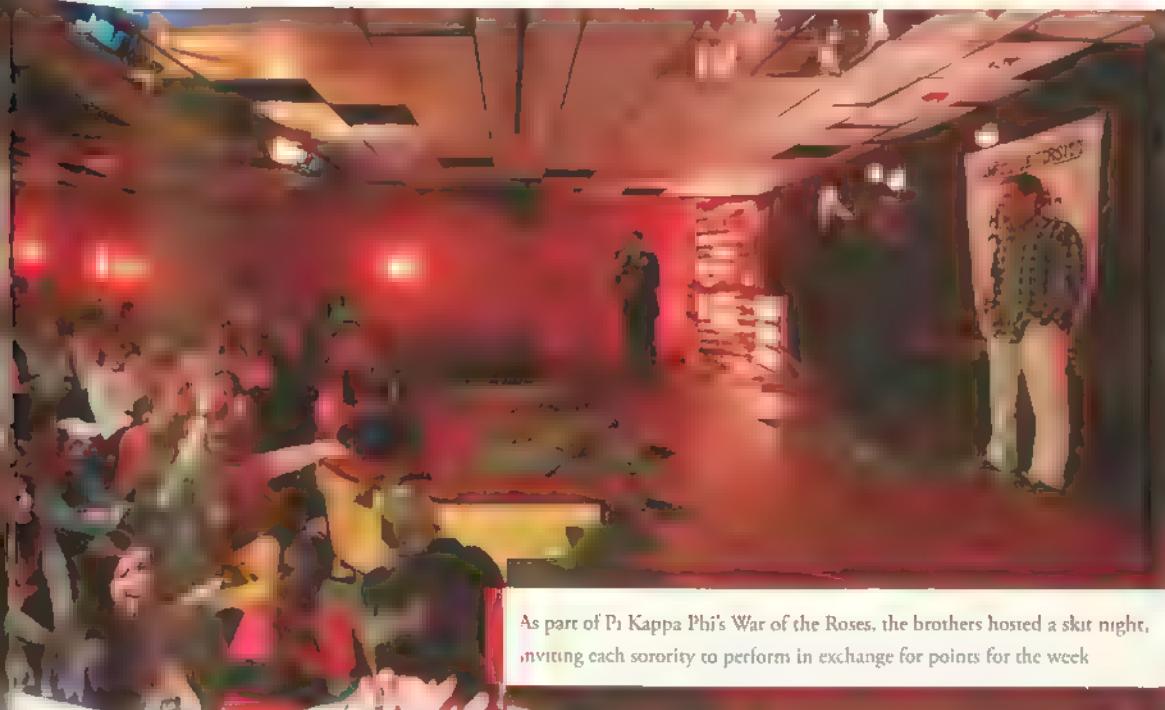
"We dug our toes in the sand and grooved the night away with the room full of new members," Handrahan said.

Overall, the men of Pi Kappa Phi agreed that the brotherhood they built was even better than winning Step Sing. "We really enjoy just hanging out together. A lot of my brothers like to throw on some Chacos, go up to Oak Mountain and just engage in nature," Handrahan said.

President Vaughn McCrary said he enjoyed recruiting new members the most.

"It's a great opportunity to meet freshman and tell them about their opportunities at Samford and in the Greek community," McCrary said, a junior accounting major. "It's also pretty exciting to have the opportunity to welcome 30 or so new guys into our brotherhood and mold them into the future leaders of our campus."

The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi stood for brotherhood and leadership on campus, and they continued their vision on Samford's campus.



# Sigma Chi



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The Pi chapter of Sigma Chi was one of Samford's largest fraternities. Its members were proud of the unique traditions that they shared and the strength of their organization.

BY JANA LEIGHTON

"Our brothers took great pride in everything about our chapter. We approached everything from academics, social life and extracurricular activities with the mindset that it was important to be successful, but it was just as important to truly enjoy these four years of college with each other," said David Wilhoite, a junior sports medicine major and chapter president.

While their main goal was to foster sincere friendships, the brothers also saw multiple other accomplishments.

"This was an incredible year for the Pi chapter of Sigma Chi," Spencer Smith, a senior communication studies major, said. "We proudly initiated 39 new members in the fall and placed second runner-up in Step Sing."

These successes continued into the brothers' philanthropic endeavors. Their main fundraising event was Derby Days, an annual tradition for Sigma Chi chapters across the country. Sororities competed to raise



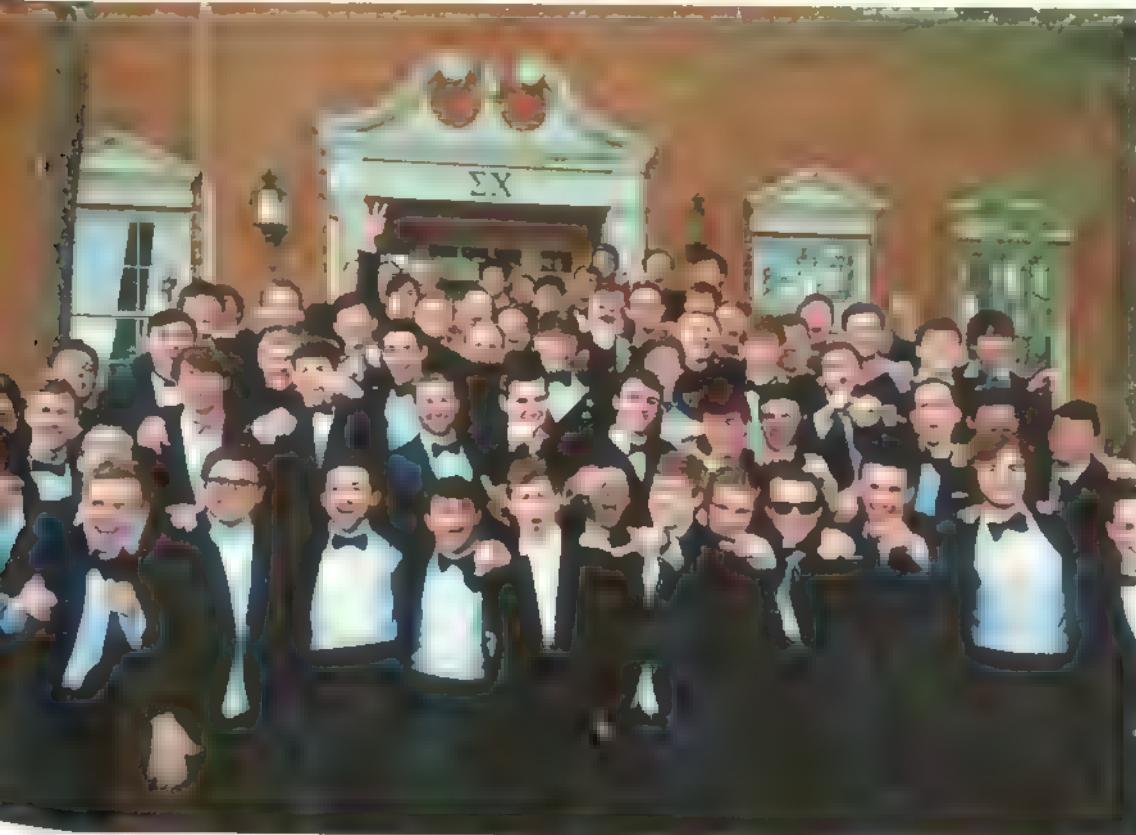
money and awareness to win the weeklong event that culminated in a concert.

Members participated in a variety of other events centered around giving back. "I enjoyed giving back to The Huntsman Foundation, which researches cancer treatments and cures, and attending all of the philanthropy events that we got to take part in, such as the Homewood Chili Cook-off, Children's Miracle Network and The Exceptional

Foundation," said Alex Fortanbary, a sophomore geography major.

Wilhoite said that the brothers recognized "the tight-knit group amongst the whole chapter" and was grateful that it was something they "did not take for granted."

The brothers of Sigma Chi clearly took pride in their brotherhood, as reflected by their success as a chapter and relationships as friends.



# Sigma Nu



photographer: CATRIN WILLIAMS



The brothers of Sigma Nu were repeat winners in every posing category at the basketball championships.

*Sigma Nu's Iota chapter is one of the oldest fraternities on Samford's campus. Their rich history is full of longstanding traditions and honorable men. Samford's Sigma Nu's were defined by their close-knit bond and exceptional brotherhood.*

"By far, my favorite thing about Sigma Nu was the real brotherhood we had. Through thick and thin, success and failure, the easy times and the tough times, I knew that I had a whole fraternity that had my back." Matt Carrick, a sophomore accounting and finance major, said

AJ Selvaggio, a sophomore economics and finance major, echoed the same message as Carrick, saying, "Ask any of us and we would tell you hundreds of stories we had with each other, how everyone helped each other grow both physically and spiritually and how Sigma Nu will always be our foremost thought when we reminisce on our time in college."

The brothers worked together to support the multiple philanthropies they sponsor. They hosted a push-up contest in Ben Brown Plaza to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project and supported Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life and St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Sigma Nu also hosted their first annual "1K for 1K" for Samford's Shoe a Nation program in the spring. The event was a 1K race around campus and entrance fees went to purchase shoes for children in Dominica. Sophomore pre-engineering major and Sigma Nu philanthropy chair, Matt Arnwine, said "It was great to see our brotherhood and campus come together to support such a great cause."

The brothers enjoyed the parties they hosted, including White Trash Bash, formal, and a car-smashing event. They also took pride in their success with intramurals.

The brothers have shared many stories of spiritual growth, philanthropic endeavors and fellowship, all of which have strengthened the bonds of brotherhood.

"My dad told me before I left for college that it's where I would have the most fun, mature the most and meet friends I'll have for the rest of my life. Sigma Nu is the embodiment of that statement," Selvaggio said.



# *Alpha Phi Alpha*



*"First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All."* The motto of Tau Iota chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha has been actively pursued since five young men chartered the chapter in 2000.

Alpha Phi Alpha was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, created in 1906 at Cornell University. The seven men who founded the original chapter recognized the need for a brotherhood centered on manly deeds, scholarship and love for all mankind.

Sophomore exercise science major Jhamall Wright was extremely proud of the diverse involvement of the fraternity across campus and within the community. "I believe that it is vital to strengthen the relationship between organizations, not necessarily with other Greek organizations, but with many other organizations as a whole," Wright said. "I believe that it's not enough to build partnership with many groups on campus, but also to give back to the community."

Alpha Phi Alpha did many community service projects to promote one of their national programs, Go-To-High-School, Go-To-College. The program educates local youth about the importance of achieving a great education.

The Tau Iota chapter made efforts to improve the environment through the Alpha Goes Green initiative. The men also kept busy with fundraising events to support their philanthropy, March of Dimes, as well as hosting their second annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant.

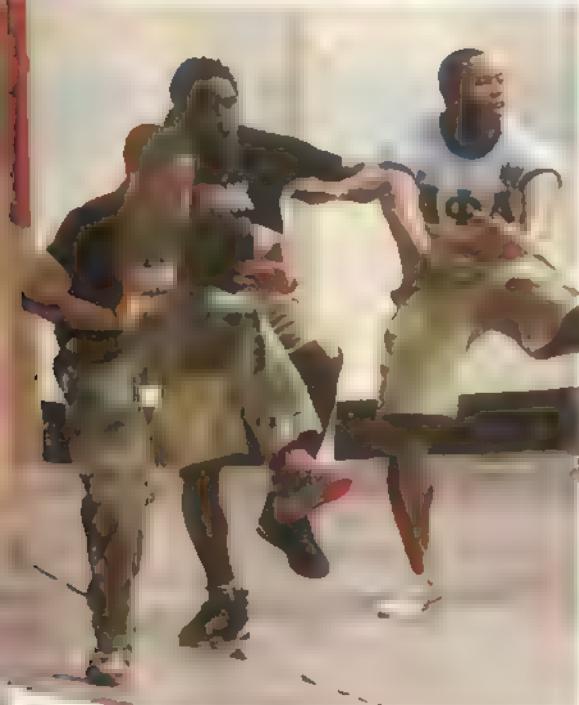
Members of Alpha Phi Alpha were passionate about engaging with the community and Samford in as many ways as possible, whether through philanthropic efforts or performances such as step shows.

"What I value most is the opportunity to work alongside my brothers and see what a profound impact and difference we can make," Wright said.

by JORDAN WEBB



Alpha Phi Alpha president Cameron Thomas poses with fellow Alpha Phi Alpha brothers at the fraternity's Homecoming tailgate.



# Organizations



Oh, Samford Alma Mater true

*Her halls shall ever ring,  
With sounding glories of  
the past with plans and  
future dreams.*

On knowledge that we seek, O Lord,

We pray thy blessings true.

With pride we pledge our hearts and minds,

To the Samford Red and Blue.

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## Samford Air Force ROTC profile: Called to serve

SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

by JULIA LAFORCE, Samford University

Growing up in Nashville, Tenn., Kayla Burch never pictured her college experience consisting of grueling 6 a.m. workouts and leadership training classes in preparation for life as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Burch had known she wanted to be a nurse since age 3, when a black lab attacked her.

"I was almost blinded. I had to stay in the hospital for a long time, but the nurses treated me like I was their only patient," Burch said.

She wanted to impact others in the same way and decided to become an ER nurse.

As a freshman nursing major at Samford, Burch attended a nursing meeting led by Air Force ROTC members.

"They spoke about the advantages of being in AFROTC, and I started crying in the meeting because I felt God leading me to it," Burch said.

Burch went home for summer vacation not completely convinced that AFROTC was for her. Over the break she realized God was calling her to be a part of something that would require total dependence on him.

Burch joined AFROTC as a sophomore, so she had to play catch up to the other students in her year. "I had to learn quickly, but I felt completely prepared for field training this past summer," Burch said.

Field training is four weeks of high intensity training in stressful environments. Students are evaluated on leadership skills and their performance as officers in the Air Force.

Burch, now a junior, described her time at field training as "the most fun I never want to have again."



# *Renewed College Democrats host tailgating tent at Family Weekend*

October 2, 2013

## **Restoring Eden breaks ground on community garden**

FEBRUARY 26, 2014

By RACHEL SINCLAIR, Samford Crimson

Samford's chapter of Restoring Eden, a national organization for Christian conservation efforts, has broken ground on a new community garden. Members began building the garden on Saturday, Feb. 22. The Student Government Association recently granted about \$1,300 to the group to fund the garden's construction and irrigation system.

Samford owns a house on Sauter Road, which runs parallel to Lakeshore Drive behind the campus, and the new garden is being built on the house's front lawn. Initially, the garden will be relatively small, measuring roughly 25 feet by 25 feet and including eight beds that will grow crops including spinach, rosemary, carrots and milkweed, which attracts monarch butterflies.

Restoring Eden President and senior English major Taylor Burgess, has been part of the club since he was a freshman. In the past, the club focused on informational and awareness events, but Burgess looks forward to creating a hands-on activity to encourage student participation.

"We are trying to do more action-oriented things, and the garden is our main project," Burgess said.

"Restoring Eden is a hidden gem at Samford, and this semester we are working harder to boost awareness," Restoring Eden member and junior marketing major Nikki Sharpton said. "[The garden] will be a fun and interesting way to show people the difference we can make on campus."

## **DiversABILITY run raises \$1,500**

MARCH 14, 2014

By EMILY FEATHERSTON, Samford Crimson

More than 50 runners gathered at the Samford track and soccer complex the morning of Saturday, April 26 to participate in the DiversABILITY 5K and Fun Run.

Students and community members that participated in the run received Smoothie King smoothies, Urban Cookhouse T-shirts, snacks and other donations from Birmingham sponsors.

"I was very pleased with the community involvement," sophomore journalism and mass communication major Kara Young said.

The event was organized by DiversABILITY as part of their mission to raise awareness about disability concerns on Samford's campus.

"Beyond raising awareness about these accessibility barriers, we hoped to raise enough money to purchase an automatic door for William Self Propst Hall," senior English major and event organizer Frances Isbell said.

Isbell said they raised \$1,500, which is roughly the needed amount to purchase the door.

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# SRT



Photo by: E. H.



Serving as the first face for prospective students visiting campus, the recruitment team rose bright and early to greet the families for Preview Day.



The members of the Samford Recruitment Team (SRT) served as the first faces that prospective students and their families saw when they came to campus. SRT hosted three fall Preview Days and an Admitted Student Day in the spring. In addition to hosting these annual events, SRT members gave weekly tours to prospective families and groups that came throughout the year. These events brought prospective students from across the country to come see Samford's campus, academics and student life.

Serving as a member on SRT was not an easy job. Team members were required to be ready for Preview Days at 6:45 in the morning, smiling, dressed and ready to go. Tour guide leaders were required to know a variety of information about Samford in order to give the best tour possible and to answer any questions from the families on the tours.

"SRT allows students to share their Samford story with prospective students considering Samford," said Elizabeth Primm, director of campus visit programs. "It is an honor to be able to advise and work alongside this talented group. The excitement among SRT members is contagious and I so appreciate their help. The recruitment events,

such as Preview Days, and the numerous campus tours would not be possible without them."

"SRT has been such a great experience!" said Spencer Cast, a sophomore psychology major. "I give weekly tours and help work Preview Days. I love being able to share my Samford story with the prospective students and families. Seeing the prospective students fall in love with this amazing school is my favorite part of being on SRT."

"I love that we get the chance to tell families about the school that we love so much!" said Victoria Batson, a sophomore business major. "And I love getting to work with other leaders from across campus. We get to welcome families onto our campus and give them a look at what Samford is all about."

Members of SRT could be seen all across campus by their iconic red polo shirt. Tour guides were always excited to share their Samford stories, and they were eager to help visitors around campus and welcome prospective students. With a record freshman class this year, SRT must have done something right.

# Ambassadors

*Behind the blue suits and red ties, the Samford Ambassadors donned this school year, there was a unified vision and heart to be found, perfectly captured in Hebrews 13:2*

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2 NIV)

The theme of servant hood was a recurring theme in conversation with these students who truly see their time in this program as a gift.

Senior sociology major Olivia Dunn said that through the Ambassador program she "had the opportunity to meet Samford donors, who are easily some of the most generous, warm and big-hearted people I ever had the pleasure of knowing." Olivia said she considers it an honor to have served them since freshman year.

The Samford Ambassadors program included 30 undergraduate students from various backgrounds across campus. Throughout the year, they worked closely with the Samford President's office, Office of University Relations and the Office of Alumni Programs.

The president of the Ambassadors program was Jake Hamilton, a senior English major, who embodied the goal of servant hood that the group aimed for.

He and the other advisers planned and conducted the bi-weekly meetings, along with David Goodwin, director of alumni relations and the Ambassadors. Jake found his time in the program to be not only a great way to serve Samford but also to hear "personal accounts from alumni about how vital Samford was in their personal and professional growth.

In addition to their many other roles on campus, the Ambassadors also served as the official hosts of Homecoming Weekend, which began Nov. 15. From registration, to parking lot control and the annual Homecoming banquet, Samford Ambassadors were present at every event.

Emma Perkins, a junior nursing major, said "I have personally benefitted from the generous financial gifts given by the alumni, so I am grateful that Ambassadors has given me the opportunity to give back to the alumni who gave so much to me and the school I love." Beyond that, it was a memorable, enjoyable and enriching experience as she got to "hear about what The Quad was like or what Step Sing costumes looked like 20 or 30 years ago."

Whether it during Homecoming or weekly trustees meetings, Ambassadors had the privilege of serving the people who often made their Samford experiences possible.

by JORDAN WEBB



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# French Club

*French Club was an organization of students passionate about French lifestyle and language. The club met monthly to discover more about French culture, enjoy French cuisine and explore what life is like in francophone countries.*

"We usually had one activity a month," said faculty sponsor Dr. Heather West. "We talked a lot about the Samford in France program and promote our exchange with the University of Quebec."

French Club events ranged from food to movies to guest speakers. Members celebrated French culture by sampling traditional French pastries and coffee and watched French film *Joyeux Noel* during the holiday season. They also welcomed a wide range of guest speakers who discussed their work and experiences in francophone countries.

"We hosted recent Samford graduate Andrew Crosson, who talked about his education and diplomatic work in Thailand," said senior English major Alyssa Duck. "And we planed a francophone food night in which

By ERIC BIANCALANA

we will teach Samford Francophiles the art of crepe-making."

"My favorite French Club activity each year has been watching *Joyeux Noel* around Christmastime with many of the French Students," said senior French major Cara Wilson. "Christmastime was always a particularly beautiful time around Samford, especially when I spend it watching a touching French film."

The club not only celebrated with the film, but also with freshly baked French desserts and traditional French holiday music.

The club was more than just the events and the food. French Club was an expression and celebration of culture and a chance for members to share that together.

"French Club has been an opportunity for me to share my love for Francophone culture with my fellow classmates, as well as an opportunity to foster this appreciation in others," said Wilson.



# Spanish Club



The concept of sharing a meal together is a vital element of Spanish culture. Spanish Club students gathered in the Caf to practice their language skills.

*Spanish Club offered a way for students to learn about and be involved with other cultures. The Spanish Club welcomed everyone, those who spoke Spanish and those who had an interest in learning more about the language and culture.*

Senior Spanish major Marcos Duarte was named club president during the first semester of the school year. He planned events and meetings with club adviser Dr. Kelly Jensen.

"At these conversations, anyone could come to practice speaking Spanish and we had games and activities," Duarte said.

The Spanish Club hosted a night of salsa dancing to celebrate the culture of Latin Americans. The club planned events to dig deeper into a variety of Spanish-related concepts such as events that focused on the language. The members also hosted events to explore the importance of music and dancing to the Latin American culture.

Through the Spanish department, students had the opportunity to study abroad in Spain, Costa Rica and Argentina.

"Studying abroad is an amazing opportunity for students, and when they come back, they share such enthusiasm about Spanish/Latin



PHOTOGRAPH BY FEATHERSTON



American culture, which is the point of our club," Duarte said.

"Opportunities abroad and here at home kind of fit in with our last big point, which is learning how to use language for the glory of God's Kingdom," he said.

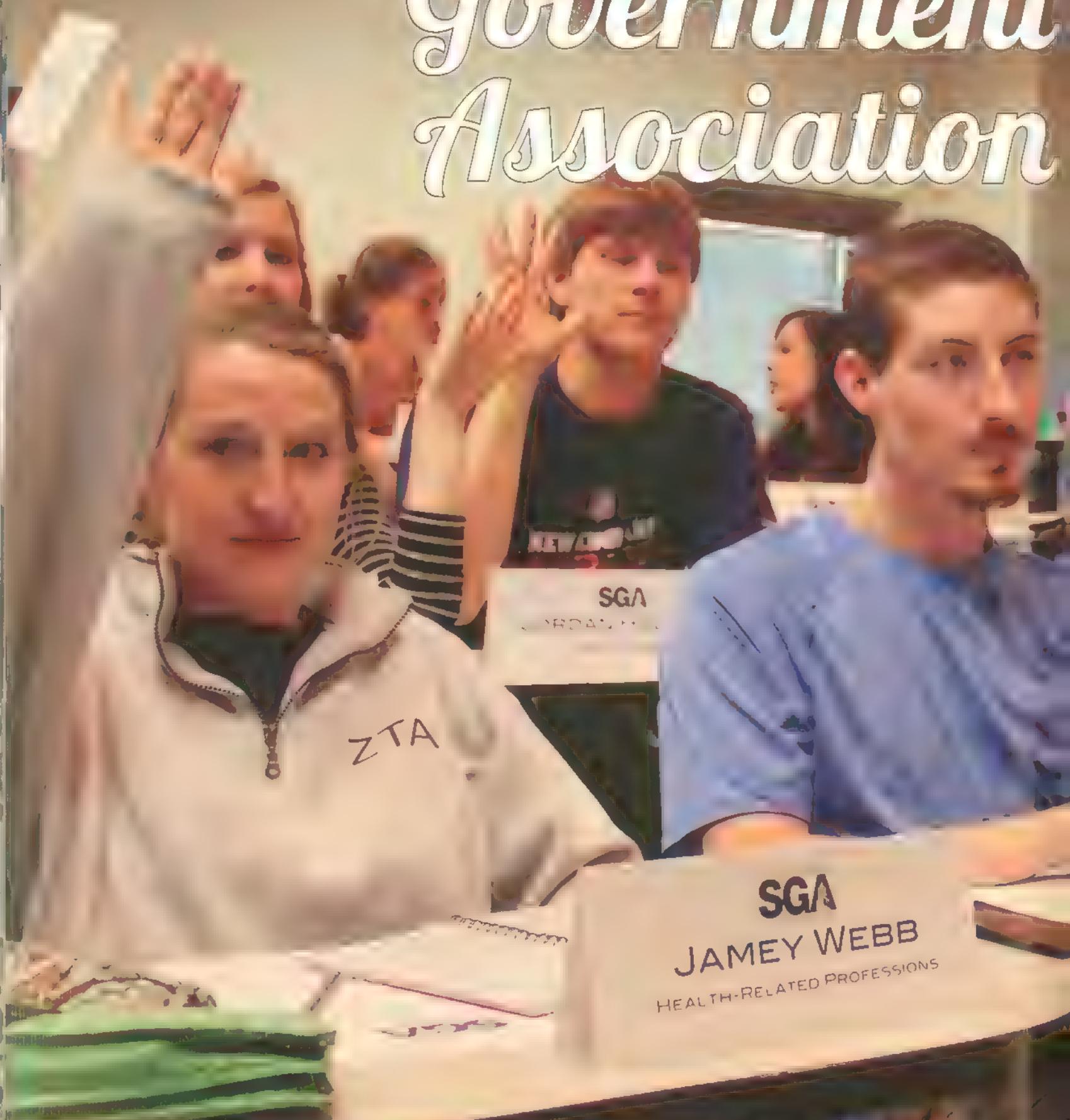
Spanish professor Patricia Romero was also a member of the Spanish Club. She helped plan the events of the club, including getting involved with a church in Homewood where they prepared and delivered Christmas gifts for Latin-American people.

"In previous years, club members have read stories and have put on puppet shows for children at the Hoover Public Library," Duarte said.

The Spanish Club wanted to get students involved with hands-on culture experiences.

Eden Harris, a freshman political science major, said the Spanish club participates in service projects to help people in the Spanish-speaking community. "My favorite part of Spanish Club is learning about Spanish-speaking cultures," said Harris.

# *Student Government Association*



**SGA**  
**JAMEY WEBB**  
HEALTH-RELATED PROFESSIONS

*The Student Government Association was hard at work making their terms productive and beneficial for the entire student body.*

"SGA made so many changes and achieved many goals," said Julianna Hallman, press secretary of SGA. "One of the biggest goals we reached was getting the Code of Laws edited and passed through Senate. That was a project that has been ongoing for many years now."

SGA also added the Homecoming Ball, an idea in the works for five years. Instead of the traditional concert and bonfire during Homecoming Week, Samford students got dressed up, went to an unrecognizably-decorated Seibert Gym and danced to the night away to St. Paul & The Broken Bones.

"At first I was skeptical of such a big change in a tradition at Samford," said junior interior architecture major Nathalie Roeling. "But the

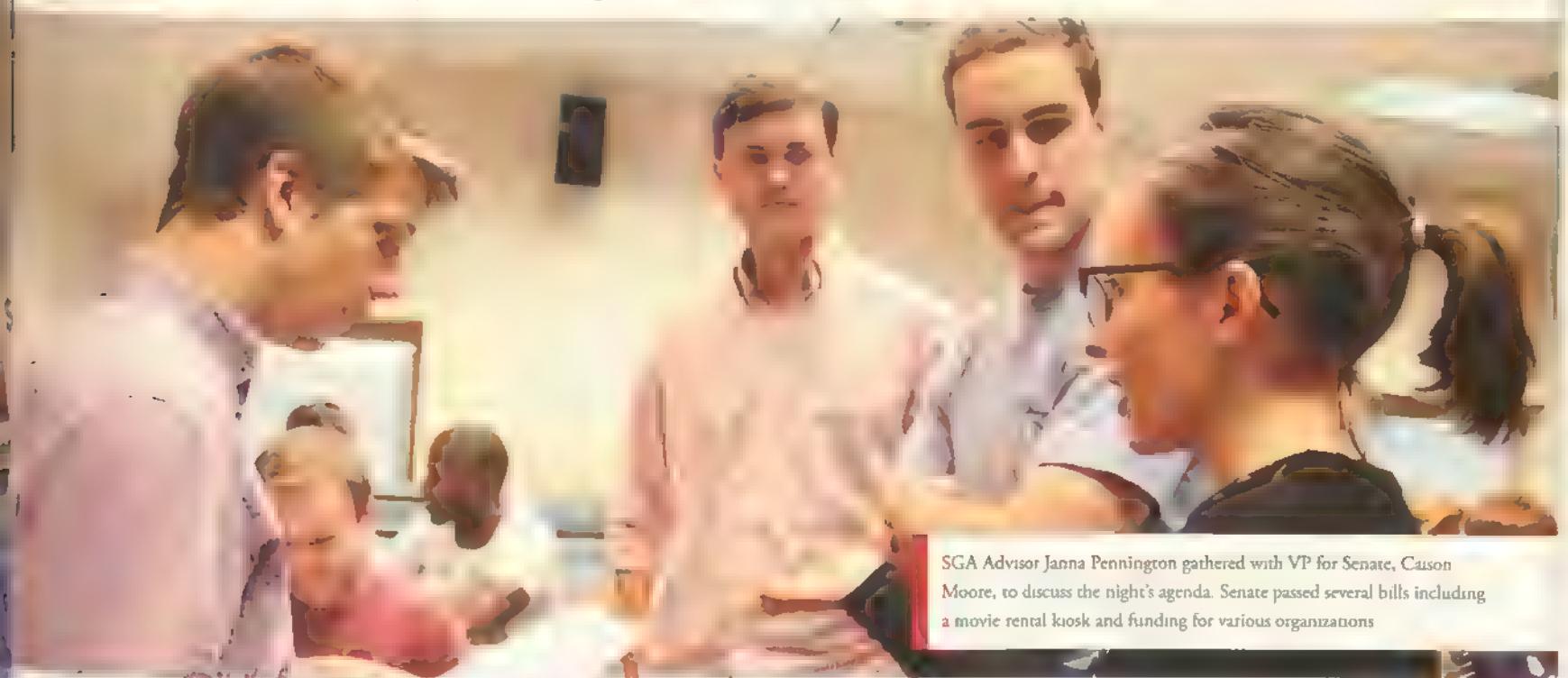
Homecoming Ball blew me away. It's been one of my favorite memories from this year."

Senate passed a resolution to get a movie kiosk on campus. After years of trial and error in getting the kiosk approved, this kiosk was a welcome addition to the University Center.

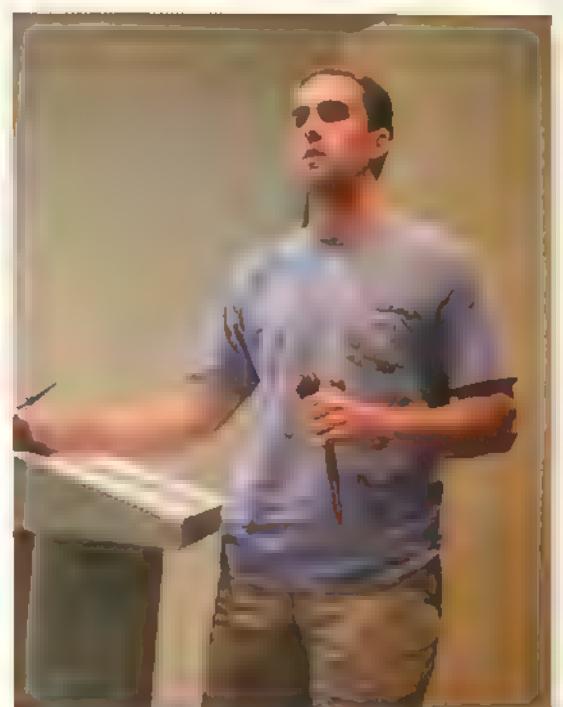
"It was a great year for SGA, many things have happened and ideas were put into action," Hallman said. "We were thankful to have Cameron Thomas take a second term as president; we were able to follow through with promises that take longer than a school year to implement."

Members of the SGA Student Executive Board for 2013-2014 were Cameron Thomas, Caison Moore, Josh Heath, Madison Miles, Julianna Hallman, Katie Tooker, Darren Gray, Caroline Payne and Patrick O'Connor

by CASEY CAPPA



SGA Advisor Janna Pennington gathered with VP for Senate, Caison Moore, to discuss the night's agenda. Senate passed several bills including a movie rental kiosk and funding for various organizations



# SAAC

The Samford Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) had another year filled with events within the Samford community and the city of Birmingham. The organization gave student-athletes a chance to get to know other athletes from the many different teams on campus. Being a student-athlete required a lot of time, effort and discipline, so SAAC brought together a community of people who have that same understanding.

In the fall, the SAAC held the second annual new student social for the incoming freshman and transfer student-athletes.

"I met a lot of athletes at the newcomers social, which helped me a lot," said Alex Ledford, junior business major and baseball player. "SAAC is a great organization because Samford is like a big family among athletes compared to all the other schools I have been to. Teams actually support other teams."

by COURTNEY GUTH

Throughout the year, SAAC provided service opportunities as well. About 50 athletes visited Charles Brown Elementary School. They spent time doing crafts and reading with the kids and managed an athletic station where the kids could play different sports.

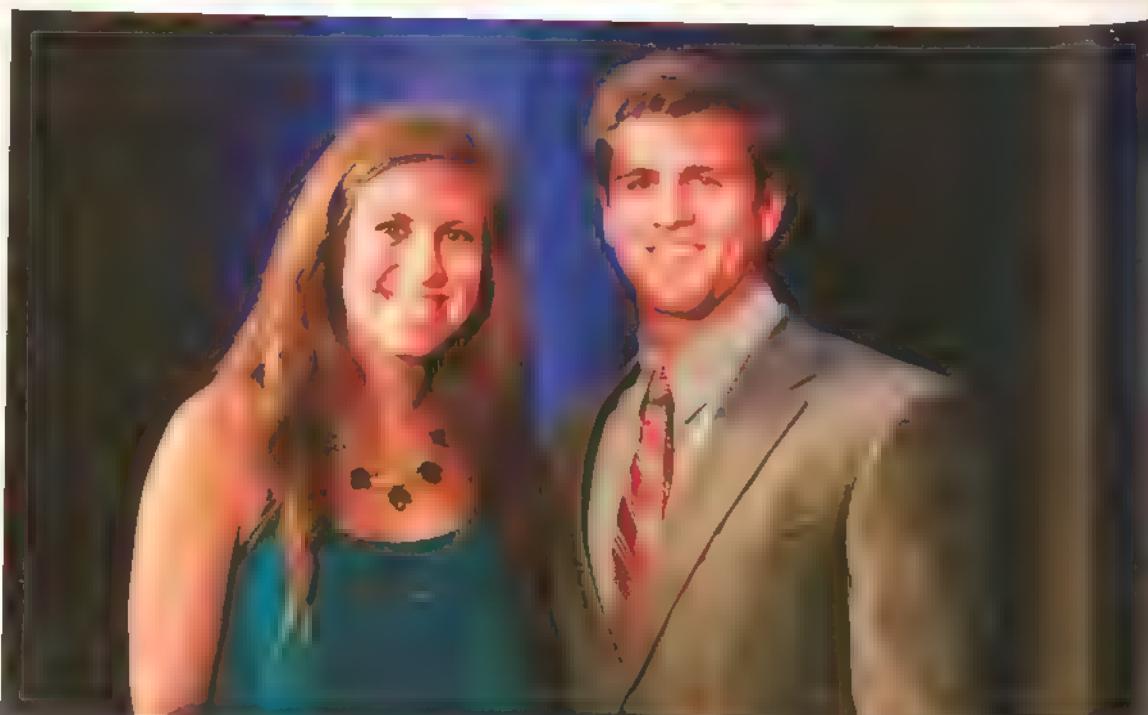
Senior cheerleading captain and journalism major Elizabeth Akin said, "One of my favorite events we have done is the Christmas Party for the elementary school students at Charles Brown. I love going there and playing with the kids!"

With the growing number of student-athletes attending Samford, SAAC intends to continue being a resource where student-athletes can support each other and the community.

"I think that SAAC is a great way for all athletic teams at Samford to come together and try to build relationships with other student-athletes as well as fix the gap between students and student athletes," Aiken said.



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MADISON MILES



*The Student Activities Council is the division of SGA that was responsible for planning events on Samford's campus. Welcome Back Week, Homecoming Week, Lighting of the Way and Spring Fling were just some of the great Samford traditions that SAC planned and orchestrated.*

SAC has been a highlight of my Samford career," said Andrew Bragg, director of annual events. "Working with students from all over campus has really helped stimulate participation at our events."

SAC worked hard to make positive changes to these traditional Samford events. The Homecoming Ball was a huge success and a great tradition for Samford to enjoy for many years in the future. Another addition was the giving away of 300 tickets for a Barons baseball game

"I've really enjoyed working with SAC and trying new things by getting involved in the Birmingham community, like going to the Birmingham Baron's game during Spring Fling," Bragg said

SAC was responsible for helping create events that students will remember long after they leave Samford, and these special events were the students body's favorite parts of the year.

"I loved getting Steel City Pops in Ben Brown during special weeks in the year like Homecoming," said Brooke Flohr, a junior nursing major. "It was so great to walk out of class and know that Samford cares about making the most out of my time here."

SAC was an organization that students could thank for creating memories that enhanced their Samford experience

# Model UN



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*The best, brightest and most culturally aware students participate in Model UN, an on-campus group that participates in simulations of the UN in conferences around the world. Model UN provides students an opportunity to gain skills in diplomacy, legislation drafting, cooperation and communication.*

Acceptance into Samford's Model UN is competitive, as the team is between six and 10 people. It also requires a high level of commitment, with practices held at least once a week.

The amount of time and energy that participants put into Model UN is definitely worth it when team members are rewarded for their commitment with an international trip to compete in worldwide simulations of United Nations committees and courts. This year's Model UN team travelled to Rome, Italy.

Gina Hartwell, a junior international relations major, participated in a simulation of the International Court of Justice, serving as a judge during a case between Croatia and Serbia to determine whether the Genocide Convention had been breached.

"I was the only American in my committee and most of the other students were in law school, but I felt very competent in discussing and playing an influential role in my committee as well as having a wonderful time and making lots of new friends," Hartwell said.

By JENNIFER COOK

Madison Schneider, a junior marketing and entrepreneurship major, represented Germany during a simulation of UN's Disarmament and International Security Committee, providing her an opportunity to be immersed in the ideas and principles of German culture. Her week consisted of long hours of brainstorming, compromising and discussions on private military corporations. Madison's committee worked hard to find a solution, and on the last day of her hard work paid off, passing a resolution that satisfied all nations involved.

"Every coffee break, lunch hour and dinner event was a chance to learn more about the people and cultures represented at Rome Model UN 2013," Schneider said. "I enjoyed it more than words can express, and I look forward to attending future Model UN events."

Though conferences make up the biggest, and perhaps most exciting, part of Model UN, they also have several social events throughout the year including Christmas parties, team dinners and nights at their advisor's house.

"Model UN is one of the best experiences any student can have because it prepares you to talk to other students about conflicting ideas and work together to find both compromises and the best possible outcomes," Hartwell said. "It is a great way to develop you professionally, but it also grows you personally into a better-rounded and informed individual."

# Debate Team

The Samford Debate team has been a part of Samford University since 1841, when it was known as the Franklin Polemic Society. The squad is proudly housed within the Communication Studies department in Brooks Hall.

The Samford squad competed in policy debate tournaments across the entire country and hosted the annual Bishop Guild Debates, a high school debate tournament. During this weekend event, qualified and talented high school students were brought to compete in Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate and the Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Sophomore political science major Davis Kimball said one thing he really enjoyed about debate "is something one of our coaches, Sean Slattery, calls portable skills. Debate teaches me to read, write, research and critically think in a way that can not simply be taught in the classroom. These skills can be transferred and applied in settings outside of debate that can really help me succeed in the world in a way that I never even thought could be possible."

Sophomore German major Natalie Bennie would agree. "There is no other activity on campus, in my opinion, that covers so many educational topics and allows the students to truly take their education into their own hands," Bennie said. "In the course of just one semester,

we will research arguments from a variety of fields, including political science, anthropology, law, environmental science and so much more."

The squad members then take the hard work put in behind the scenes to weekend tournaments at schools nationwide. Sophomore psychology major, Erin Carley, said "Competing against other schools is more than just competing. Debaters literally dedicate their lives to debate. We do it for an opportunity to discuss issues that we care about and be heard because unlike most places, debate is the only environment where people do not ignore what it is you have to say and that is what keeps us coming back."

The year held many successes for the Samford team, as they pulled out a win against Liberty University, which was ranked first place nationally. Dr. Ryan Galloway, associate professor of communication studies and director of debate, said he was very proud of the team for finishing 17th in the country this year. "While our squad is young, we are hard working and will only get better in the days to come," Galloway said.

The Samford Debate squad certainly has a bright future ahead of them, as they carry their passion and work ethic into everything that they do.



# Gamma Sigma Sigma



BRITTANY ROBERTS

JIN WILLIAMS

MAITLYN MULLEN



*Gamma Sigma Sigma is a national service sorority that allows its members to develop a lifelong dedication of service. Its purpose is to encourage people to help others in everyday life. Gamma Sigma Sigma's mission is "Unity in Service."*

The members took this mission to heart and dedicated their time to serving others in the Birmingham community.

"My favorite thing about Gamma Sigma Sigma is that it unites people from all across campus for a common cause to serve the Birmingham area," said Emily Ashworth, president of Gamma Sigma Sigma and junior accounting major.

Gamma Sigma Sigma has both male and female members, allowing closer friendships to form while serving the community.

"My favorite part of being a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma is getting to serve our local community," said Katie Dover, senior pre-med history major. "It's great to raise money for national organizations, but I really love getting to work face-to-face with people we volunteer with."

Gamma Sigma Sigma held several events for service opportunities. During their fall recruitment, members made blankets to send to hospitals for newborn babies.



Gamma Sigma Sigma also participated in Trace for Treats, Habitat for Humanity, Firehouse Shelter, Old Howard Bike Ride, Relay for Life and March of Dimes, among other service projects.

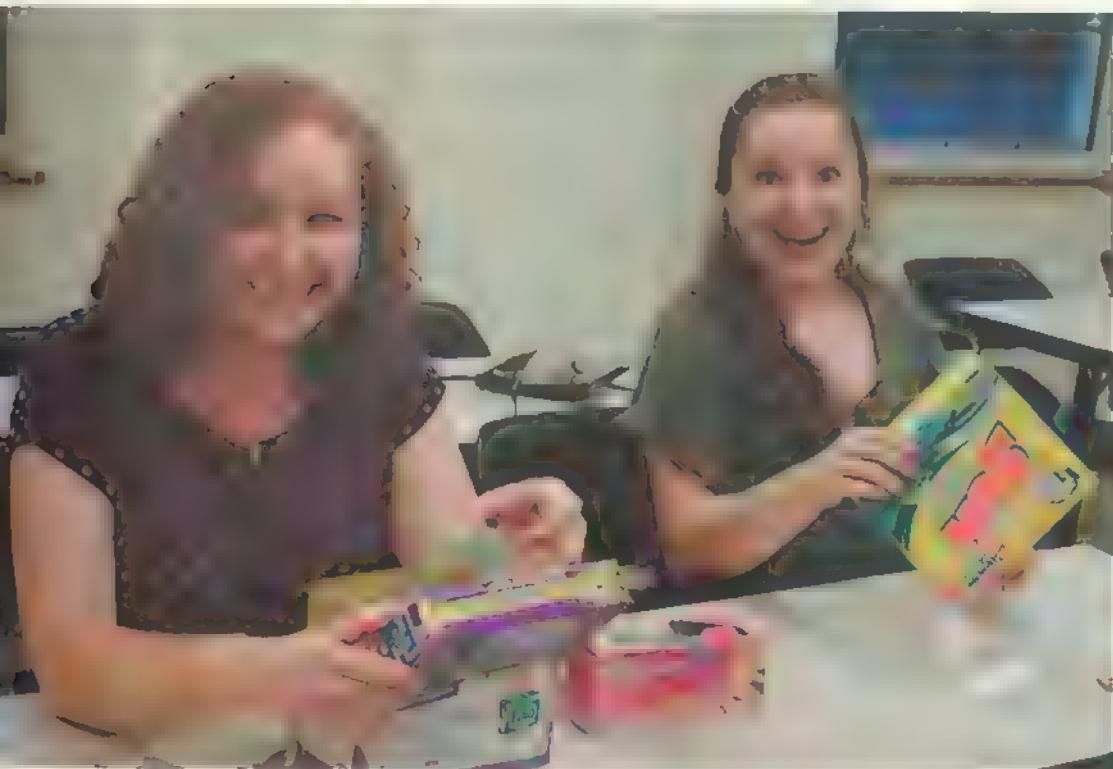
"My favorite service event was making dinner for the men at the Firehouse Shelter," said senior biology major Lauren Beggs. "Interacting with the residents and seeing how much they appreciate our help lets us know that our work at the Firehouse Shelter directly impacts someone's life."

One of Gamma Sigma Sigma's favorite service projects was Trick or Treating for canned goods. Members donned costumes and divided into groups to go trick-or-treating for canned goods for United Way.

Gamma Sigma Sigma held a spring formal. This was a fun event for all the members to get together and dance.

Gamma Sigma Sigma also tailgated at all the home football games so alumni could attend.

As far as service goes, this service sorority excelled in helping the Birmingham community.



Victoria Sjogren, Nymo, sisters campaigned to renew interest in Relief Society by hosting a craft sale in Harry's offshoot.

# College Democrats



College Democrats hosted a dinner in the Caf to bring their members together.

*College Democrats' leadership sought to make the organization more visible on Samford's campus and in the community.*

The leadership team consisted of three officers. Anderson Gass, Brianna Ware and Franklin Lowe served as president, vice president and public relations director, respectively. They, along with other members, met twice per month and worked to host public events on a monthly basis.

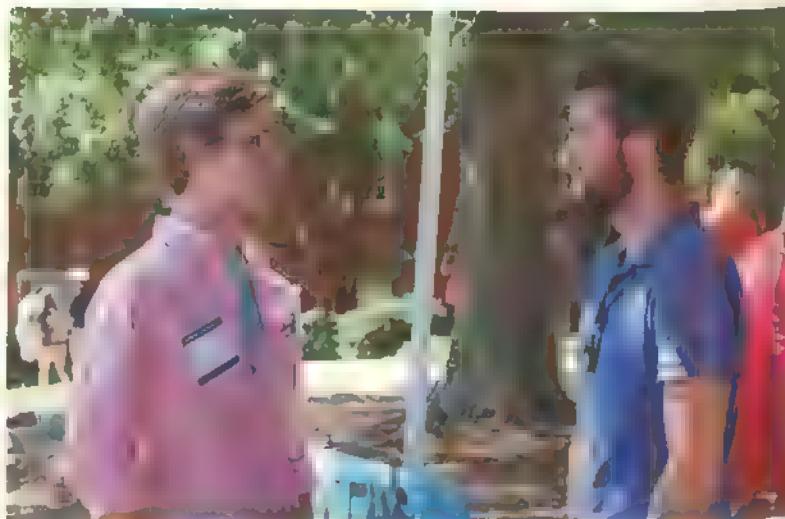
"College Dems has given me a way to be involved with Samford politics and organizations, but it has also given me an opportunity to voice my opinions and convictions," said Franklin Lowe, a sophomore history major.

In the fall semester, College Democrats hosted a "Democratic Desserts" tent at the Family Weekend tailgate to recruit party activists on campus and engage students and their families in conversation about the group's goals and purpose.

"This was a great time to get to know other students, alumni, parents, faculty and staff who want to be involved with what we're doing on campus and in Alabama," Lowe said.



photographer: EMILY FEATHERSTON



College Democrats also hosted two tables in the University Center. The first helped students fill out voter registration forms and the second provided students with the opportunity to write Christmas cards to recovering U.S. troops.

In the spring, College Democrats hosted Representative James Fields and Representative Patricia Todd. The group also attended the Alabama State Democratic Conventions and continued to hold voting registration events on Saturdays by partnering with Empower Alabama.

"We have had members work a phone bank at the Jefferson County Democratic Party Headquarters for Organizing for Action," said sophomore political science major Anderson Gass.

"We hope to rejuvenate the once-dominant Alabama Democratic Party and change perceptions of the political makeup of Alabama," said Gass. "This state is bluer than many people might imagine. We will continue working with fellow Democrats throughout Alabama moving into the election cycle as we look to send more Democrats to Montgomery in 2014."

# College Republicans

*College Republicans was a group of students with a conservative political view who worked to share and promote Republican ideology across campus.*

While College Republicans hosted multiple events, the most notable was a televised debate hosted in conjunction with the Jefferson County GOP, Alabama's 13 and Samford University. The event, held in the Wright Center, featured the Republican candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives' seat from the Alabama Sixth District. The debate was broadcast live by Alabama's 13 News.

College Republicans met monthly on Tuesday evenings and brought in highly recognized speakers from across Alabama come to speak about different subjects in politics.

Speakers included Bill Armistead, Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party; Adam Thompson, a Republican running for the office of State Auditor, Gary Palmer a Congress candidate in Alabama District 6;

and Stan Cooke, who was running against incumbent Kay Ivey for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor.

With so many big-name politicians on campus, students were able to network with political leaders. "College Republicans has enabled me to engage with the political leadership in all parts of the state, from Homewood to Montgomery," said sophomore journalism and mass communication major Kathleen Sharpe.

College Republicans faced many changes, including a completely new executive board and an increased number of students involved in the organization.

"This year has been a bit of a learning curve," said junior economics and finance double major Barlow Marriott. "We have a new executive board, have substantially grown our numbers and have worked to help get students involved in the local political landscape."

by ALY HATHCOCK



# Air Force ROTC



photographer: TATE HOLCOMBE



*With over 50 cadets from four schools, 42 years of history and one aim, Air Force ROTC Detachment 012 strived to cultivate exceptional leaders for the United States Air Force. Det. 012 instilled excellence in many areas including leadership, physical fitness, academic achievement and professionalism.*

With some of the most hard-working and dedicated students at Samford, Det. 012 continued to thrive on campus. Junior nursing major Kayla Burch described a week in the life of a cadet as fun but most certainly a lot of hard work. Whether through physical training, lead labs or projects within the community, these students continued a tradition of excellence in the city of Birmingham that began in 1972.

Nursing major Jaime Richter was commissioned to work in San Antonio, Texas at the Military Medical Center as one of 11 cadets that graduated as 2nd Lieutenants pursuing various careers within the United States Air Force. She described ROTC as a major part of her college experience that gave her fulfilling life skills, motivating relationships and unparalleled leadership opportunities. Junior math

By SARAH BARTLEY

major Aaron Pendleton agreed that through ROTC he received "experiences and insight that cannot be found anywhere else."

With weekly commitments including physical training sessions and academic classes, cadets learned the value of dedication to a higher purpose. Many members related to a unique measure of success earned in ROTC. Senior finance major Trent Little described a fulfillment in serving our country that has blessed him tremendously and in working in situations that "demanded teamwork and accountability." Similarly, junior nursing major Kaley Cusumano explained an overwhelming sense of satisfaction in knowing she found her "truest place to grow and serve."

Though the structured commitment was not for everyone, senior finance and management major Casey Ryan summed up the thoughts of many cadets when he said being a part of ROTC was the single most important part of "shaping character and work ethic" during his college years.

# PAC

*The primary role of the Philanthropy Awareness Council was to educate students on the importance of donors in light of their annual support of the university. More specifically, their goal was to raise awareness about the donors who give students as many opportunities as possible to enjoy campus life.*

"My greatest memory of PAC was dancing with the freshmen and giving away prizes at the Connections welcome back party at the beginning of the semester," said sophomore nursing major Ellen Williams.

30 percent of the student community's experience on campus was covered through the generosity of donors, alumni and friends of the university.

While their main focus was to maintain an active community among the entire student body, the PAC was able to experience a tight-knit community of their own. Each member had a specific role that allowed them to contribute to the overall cause.

"This year I served as President of PAC," junior biology major Trey Ingram said. "My role was to work closely with our faculty advisor, Logan Heim, to coordinate different events throughout the year, plan

meetings, communicate with PAC members and work to raise awareness for all that our donors do."

PAC hosted several events throughout the year. Each month they held "PAC on the Plaza" and gave away a variety of free items to students, including kettle corn, apple cider, cookies and doughnuts. Another highlight of the year was Philanthropy Difference Week and the Andy Davis Concert designed to thank the donors. All of this could not have been possible without the council's initiative and collaboration of creative planning skills.

"My greatest memory in PAC was moving in early in the fall and having the team building and brainstorming workshops for the year", said junior journalism and mass communications major Emily Sarver. Emily is also PAC's vice president of communications.

It was the hope of the Philanthropy Awareness Council to raise awareness among students on campus about all that donors have done to provide the student body with an unforgettable campus experience. Each member's dedication to the campus community has represented the generous donors who played a vital role in keeping Samford running all year long.

by KRISTEN JACKSON



# Black Student Union

Union



photographer: LAUREN VAN DE VOORST



*Samford's Black Student Union worked to promote positive student relationships across campus.*

"We had an awesome time with some of the projects we have been a part of," said Erin Carly, sophomore psychology major and president

Outside of campus, the group assisted Alabama Appleseed with their award presentation to a distinguished Civil Rights attorney who defended both Rosa Parks and Dr. King

On campus, members of the Black Student Union worked to "promote an environment of inspiration for black students to excel in all aspects of campus life and community engagement." For Samford Gives Back, the members went to the Birmingham Wildlife Center and rebuilt avian habitats.

"One of our biggest accomplishments on campus this year was that we helped organize the convo event 'Color Blind vs. Color Conscious' which raised awareness about some of the intricacies and common misconceptions of being an African-American and being an African-American at Samford," Carly said.

Aside from organizing events for members of the union to participate in, the Black Student Union served as an umbrella organization for all other minorities on campus. Because they encouraged members to be involved on campus in different organizations and athletics, they often had different schedules. The Black Student Union was a group of people who shared common interests and could hang out and give back to the community.

# Student Media

*This year's student media was a booming success.*

For the first time, *Exodus* magazine produced a full-scale website and two printed publications to be distributed around Birmingham.

*Sojourn*, under the direction of junior journalism and mass communication major Kaitlyn Bouchillon, was a raving success with artwork and beautifully written pieces placed within the covers.

*The Samford Crimson* featured great content and photography under the leadership of senior history major Zach Brown and *Entre Nous...well, here it is!*

The Samford News Network (SNN) and the campus radio station, WVSSU, also gained larger staffs and contributed immensely to the Samford and Birmingham community.

Samford's journalism and mass communication department was a hub for excellent printed content. While producing quality students, the journalism and mass communication department—often referred to as JMC—taught its students to be niched yet versatile. As the media field is flooded with content, Samford students were taught how to produce and promote their stories in a way that would break through the noise.

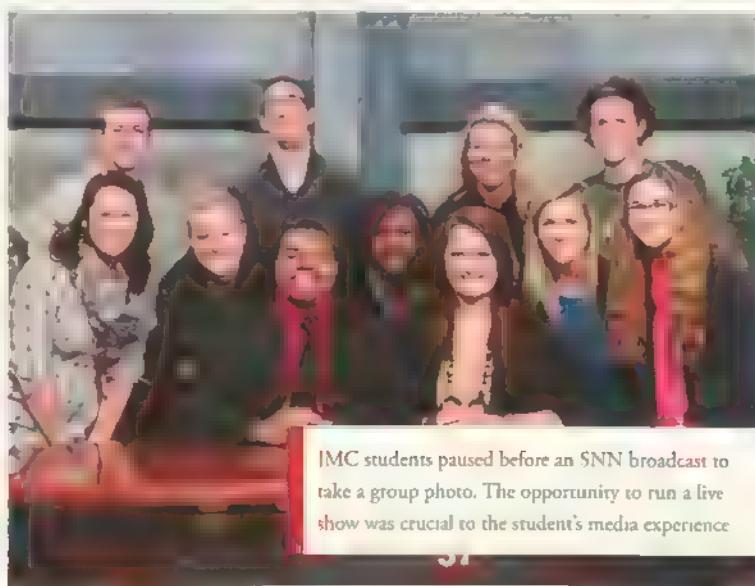
by ELEANOR STENNER

"I'm confident that when I graduate I'll be able to find a job, not because of an amazing skill set, though the JMC department has trained me well, but because I've been given a well-rounded education in all things journalism related," said junior Kaitlyn Bouchillon.

Hayley McDonald, a senior journalism and mass communication major, was pleased with the success of two *Exodus* magazine issues, the first staff in 17 years to do so.

"This year has been a challenging and exciting journey for *Exodus* magazine as our staff has worked hard to move it from an annual to a biannual publication," she said. "But with that, I could not ask for a more eager and incredibly talented team to work alongside in this new evolution of *Exodus*."

The leaders of the major student publications on campus were passionate about excellence and didn't want to produce insignificant content. Each editor entrusted writers, photographers and content editors to further the vision for creating quality pieces.



MDE, CAITRIN WILLIAMS & ELEANOR

# Restoring Eden

Campus was greener thanks to Restoring Eden, a national organization for Christian conservation efforts. Samford's chapter engaged in a variety of projects ranging from managing campus-wide recycling bins to breaking ground on a new community garden.

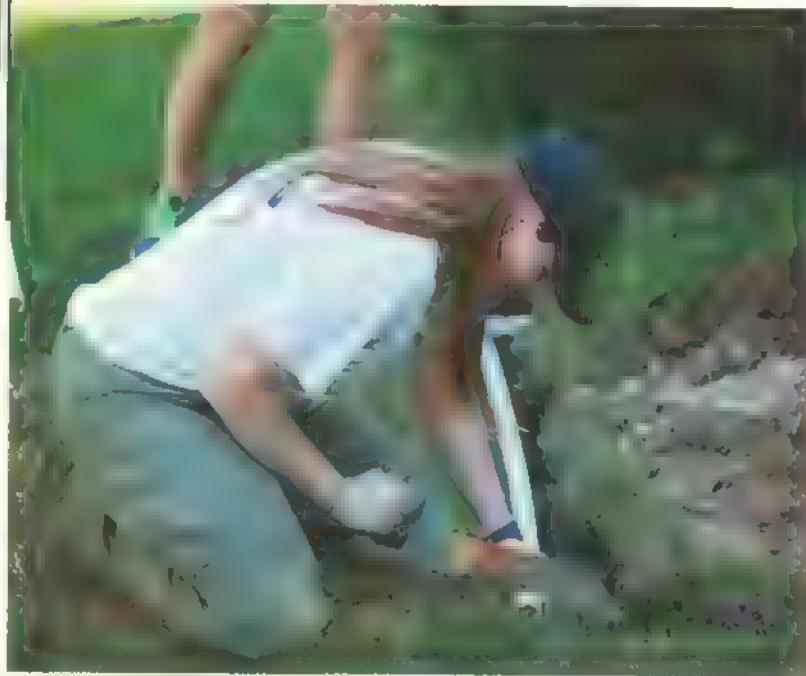
Members began the garden in late February after receiving funding from the Student Government Association. The garden measured roughly 25 feet by 25 feet and included eight beds that grew crops including spinach, rosemary, carrots and milkweed, which attracts monarch butterflies. The project was a joint effort among Restoring Eden, the Student Dietetic Association and University Ministries' Social Justice Committee.

by AULIE KLAUBERT

"The garden gave more people on campus a chance to connect with nature and understand why it's important to take care of the environment, since the health of our food directly affects us," said Lauren Steinke, a junior accounting major.

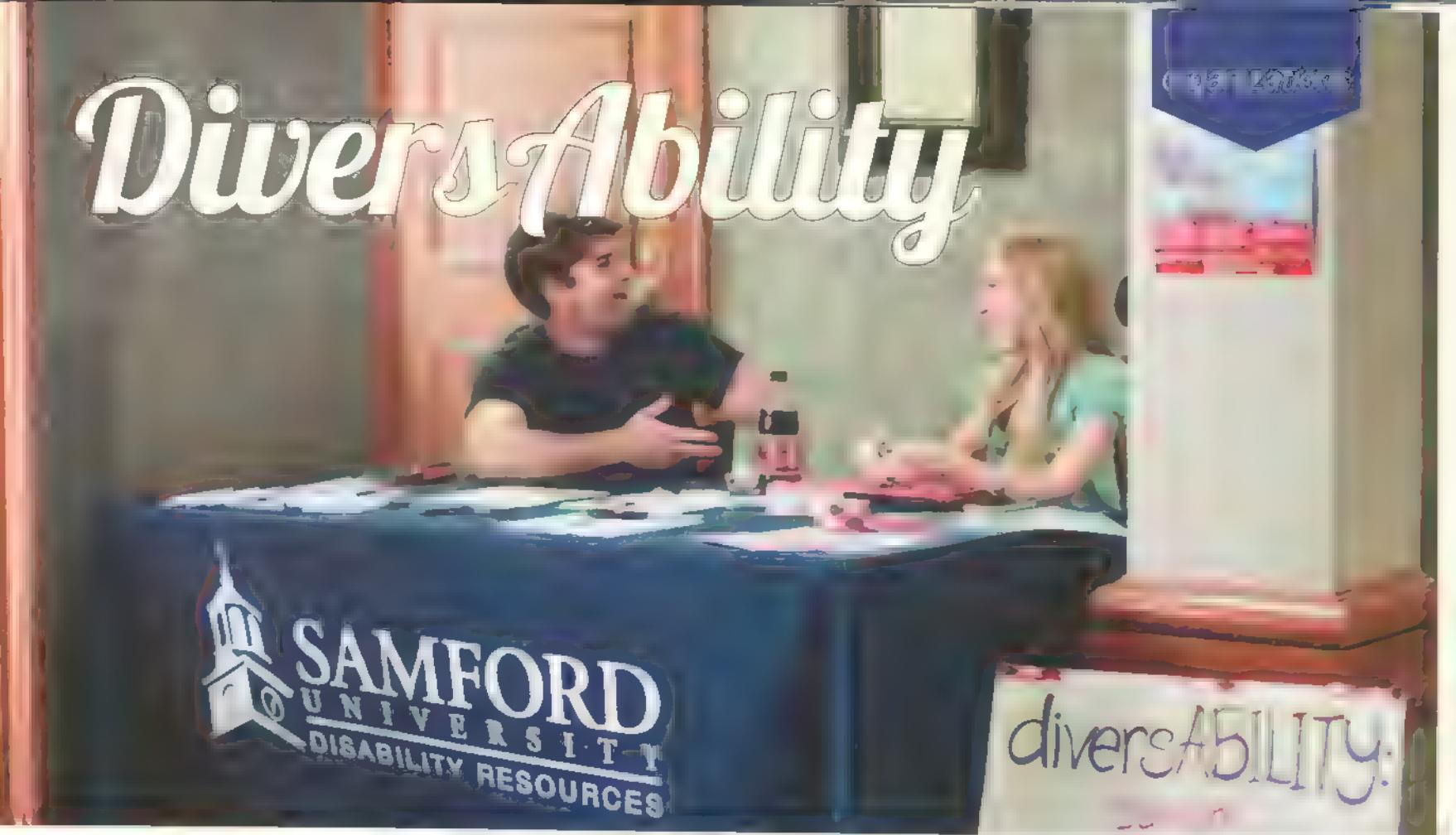
Breaking ground on the garden was the first step in the organization moving beyond informational and awareness events and into hands-on events.

"We tried to do more action-oriented things, and the garden was our main project," said Taylor Burgess, a senior English major and Restorin Eden president.



photographer: CAITRIN WILLIAMS

# DiversABILITY



DiversABILITY hosted a 5K to raise funds for their various projects around campus

One of the fastest growing advocacy groups on campus this year was DiversABILITY. Frances Isbell, a senior English major, started the organization and has watched it grow tremendously. By the end of the spring semester, DiversABILITY was supported by over 100 students.

The goal of DiversABILITY was to seek to minimize accessibility barriers on campus and change negative perceptions about people with disabilities. It also provided Samford students with disabilities a tightly-knit support group.

Although Samford complies with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), many handicapped students still found it difficult to get around campus. However, Samford has made significant improvements to make the campus more accessible for students with disabilities.

"Since I have been at Samford, I have seen several accessibility barriers resolved," Isbell said. "Automatic doors have been installed in the library, Vail and Pittman. A new sidewalk was paved alongside the West

side of Vail, and a sidewalk was repaved by Samford Hall. Ramps were also built for the sorority houses, Pittman Hall was renovated and the new apartments were built in West Campus."

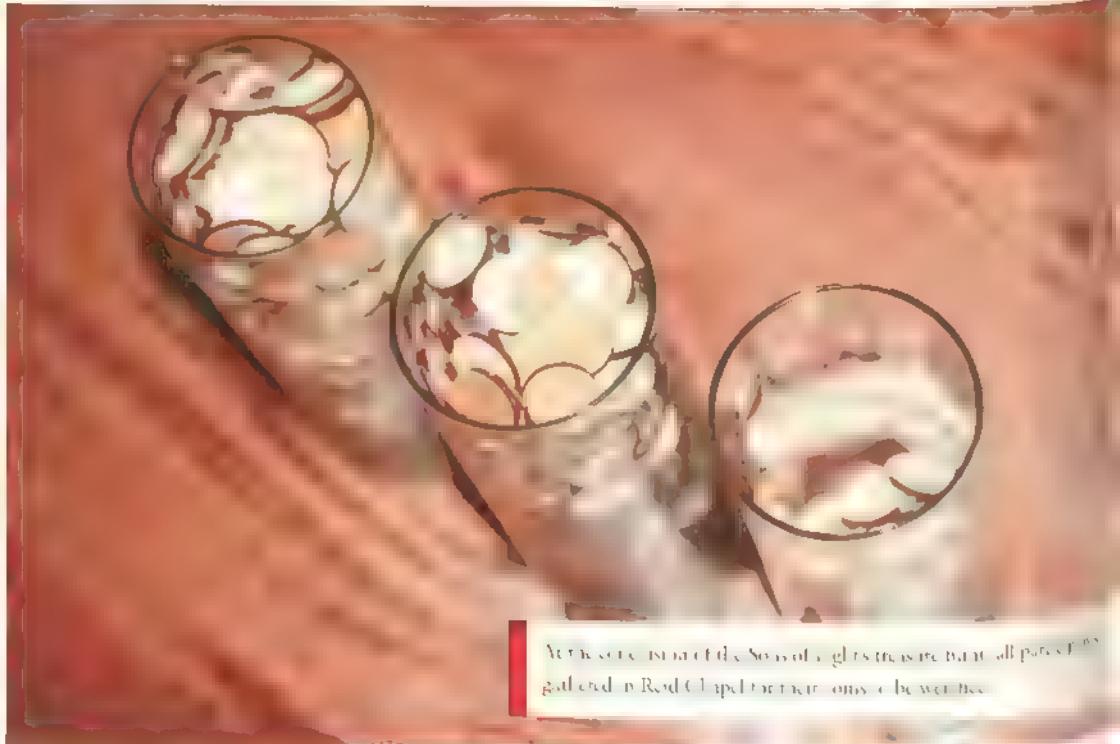
This year, DiversABILITY hosted multiple events at Samford. In the fall, DiversABILITY partnered with Pi Kappa Phi during War of the Roses. As president, Isbell spoke at the Empathy Dinner, discussing her Samford experience as a student with disabilities. The organization also hosted a table outside of Reid Chapel during the convocation that Mary Allison Milford, a Para-Olympic athlete and wheelchair basketball coach, spoke at.

In the spring semester, Isbell spoke again about her Samford experience as a student with disabilities at a convocation event dedicated to graduating seniors. DiversABILITY also hosted a 5K race and fun run to raise money to raise funds for automatic doors in Propst Hall.

# *Sons of Light*



photographer: CAITRIN WILLIAMS



A tiny core is all the Sons of Light need to burn. All parts of the village gathered in Red Chapel for their annual bewitching.

*Bonded through the secrecy of their organization, the Sons of Light remained a silent but active force. Little was known about Samford's resident secret society beyond their scavenger hunts and acts of kindness for students and the community.*

During the Christmas season, the members hung a wreath on the library with their official logo, an interlocking letter S and letter O surrounded by small dots.

"Christmas is already such a beautiful time on campus. I'm glad the Sons of Light joined in the celebration of my favorite holiday," said Sarah Norville, a senior graphic design major.

The week of Step Sing, the organization wrote thank you notes to each Step Sing director, thanking the students for their dedication to the time-honored tradition.

by ALLIE KLAUBERT

In April, the group launched a scavenger hunt, tweeting clues about the location of secret coins. The person with the most coins won a reward of \$2000 dollars to be split between the winner and charity of his or her choice.

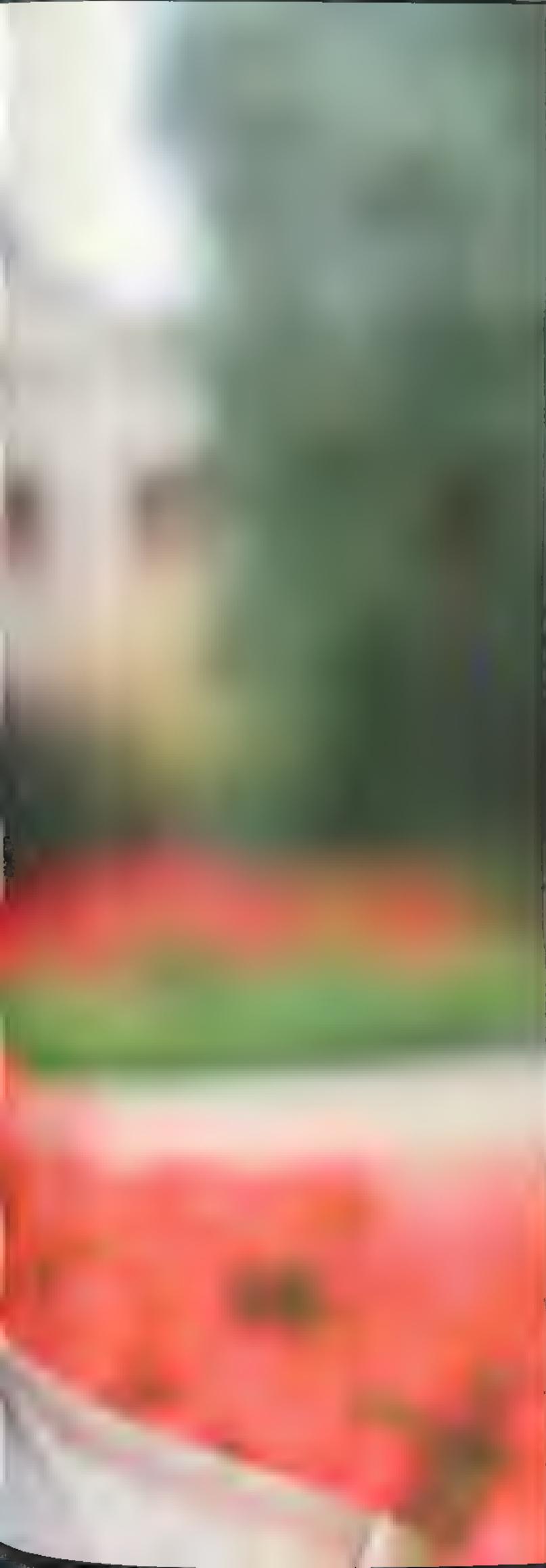
"The scavenger hunt was a highlight of my senior year because it allowed me to use the knowledge I have gained of Samford to piece together the clues," said Katy Flinn, a senior journalism and mass communication major. "It brought together people from all across campus, building community among strangers and friends alike."

Though the organization operated with the university's blessing, many students anxiously tried to determine who was a member of the secret brotherhood. The roster of members remains a close-guarded secret for the society, but their presence on campus is not to be ignored.



# commencement





## *Oh, Samford Alma Mater true*

Her halls shall ever ring,  
With sounding glories of the past  
With plans and future dreams.  
On knowledge that we seek, O Lord,  
We pray thy blessings true.  
With pride we pledge our hearts and minds,  
To the Samford Red and Blue.

**204** December Graduates  
**213** May Graduates



# Commencement

**Commencement Ceremonies Available Via Live Stream**

*May 6, 2014*

## **Barnette, McKiernan-Allen, Warwick Win Samford's Pittman Spirit Award**

**MAY 17, 2014**

Three graduating seniors were named winners of Samford University's 2014 John C. Pittman Spirit Award. Hannah Joy Barnette, Sabbath Joy McKiernan-Allen and Kaleigh Elizabeth Warwick received the awards during graduation exercises for Samford's School of the Arts and Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education Saturday, May 17.

The award recognizes a graduating senior who has exhibited a serious commitment to being a student and achieving academically, to honoring Christ, to personal health, and involvement in student life.

## **Donaldson, Poole Receive Top Samford Academic Awards**

**MAY 17, 2014**

Graduating seniors Caroline Reid Donaldson and Anna Grace Poole received Samford University's top academic awards during commencement exercises at the school May 17.

Donaldson, a double art and English major from Greer, S.C., received the President's Cup—the valedictorian award—for having the highest grade point average in the senior class. She was presented the trophy at the graduation ceremony for Samford's School of the Arts and Orlean Bullard School of Education. She is a University Fellow.

Poole, a psychology major from Arkadelphia, Ark., received the Velma Wright Irons Award—the salutatorian award—for having the second highest average. She was presented a silver tray at the graduation program for Samford's Howard College of Arts and Sciences. She is a University Fellow.

# Three From Samford Earn Fulbright Grants

MAY 15, 2014

Samford University graduates Chris Barbee '13 and Zach Brown '14, and rising sophomore Stone Hendrickson have received prestigious grants from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, the flagship international educational exchange program designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

Samford music education alumnus Chris Barbee of Trussville, Ala. will use his grant to study choral conducting and music education at the Jazeps Vitols Latvian National Conservatory. He might also have an opportunity to work with the Riga Dom Choir School

"Through this work I'm hoping to devise a structure and strategy for a nationwide music and arts education program that centers around choral singing and focuses on underprivileged students here in the United States," Barbee said. "Apart from that I hope to build relationships, learn more about their culture and how music is so woven into it, and hopefully start and conduct a choir."

Barbee currently serves as Choir Director at Homewood Cumberland Presbyterian Church as he prepares for graduate school in the fall. Reflecting on his time at Samford, he praised the university's challenging academic program and encouragement of free thought. "This emphasis on cultivating the mind as well as developing strong humanistic priorities had a profound effect on me," Barbee said. "It definitely helped shape my definition of what success truly is."

Barbee also singled-out supportive and inspiring Samford faculty and staff, including David Bains, Stephen Chew, Philip Copeland, Shannon Flynt, Joseph Hopkins, Kristin Kenning, Rachel Lim, Donald Sanders, Carol Vaughan-Cross and Christina Villaverde.



History and University Fellows honors alumnus Zach Brown of Franklin, Tenn. received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship for Tajikistan in the 2014-15 academic year. He said Samford history professor Jim Brown's Modern Russia course sparked his interest in the central Asian region that was once a part of the Soviet Union.

"I wanted to see how those different countries developed in the post-Cold War era, and am so excited to get the opportunity to do so," Brown said. Having served as Editor-in-Chief of the Samford Crimson student newspaper his senior year, he also hopes to explore Tajik media during his assistantship.

In addition to his Russian history professor, Brown praised the support of University Fellows faculty Shannon Flynt, Bryan Johnson, Chris Metress and Jason Wallace.

Freshman University Fellow Stone Hendrickson of Edmond, Okla. was accepted to the four-week Fulbright Summer Institute at England's Durham University. The theme of the 2014 institute is The Northern Borders of Empire to the Making of the Middle Ages. Hendrickson will study ancient Roman and medieval English history and culture as he takes part in a major archaeological excavation at the site of the Roman fort and town at Binchester.

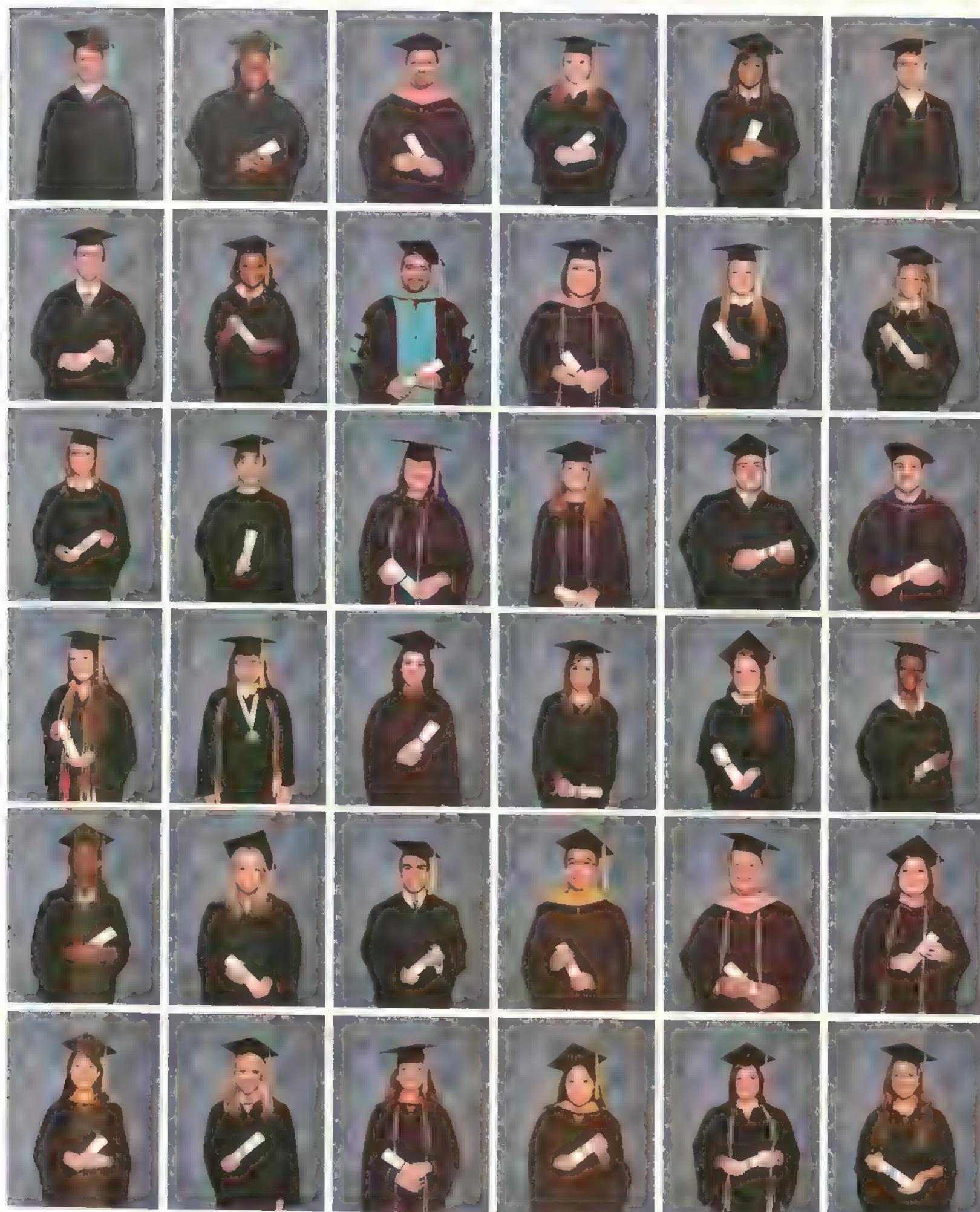
Hendrickson, whose long-term plans include graduate school in either law or English, said the institute corresponds well to his current Samford studies as a classics and English double-major.

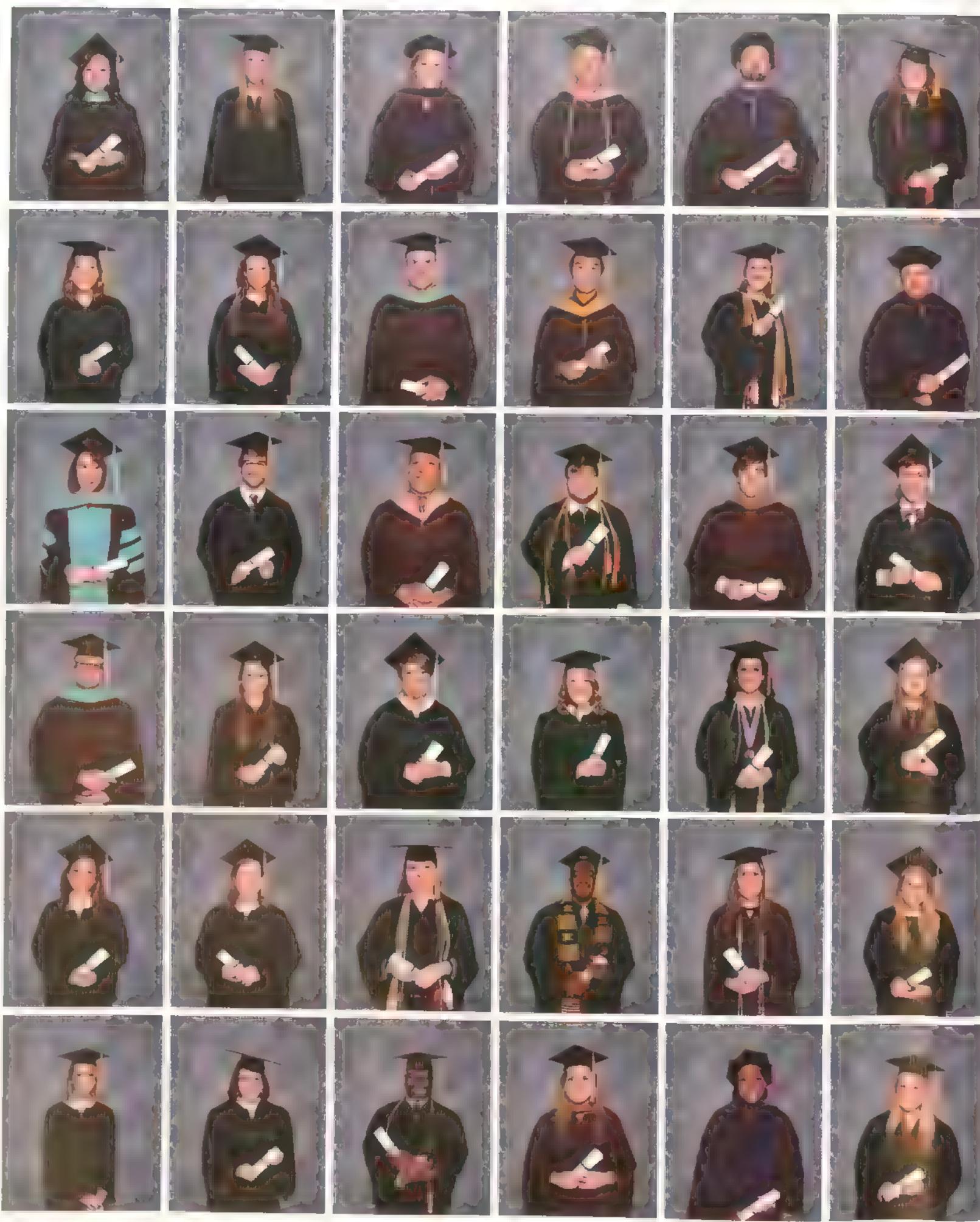
Samford classics professor and Fulbright Program Advisor Shannon Flynt said these honors are always hard-won. "Fulbright is such a well-known, long-standing and prestigious program that the application process is extremely competitive," said Flynt, a 2000-2001 Fulbright alumna. She noted that tens of thousands of U.S. students submit proposals for fewer than 2,000 international study grants. "Our undergraduates are competing against even doctoral students for these positions in some cases," she said.

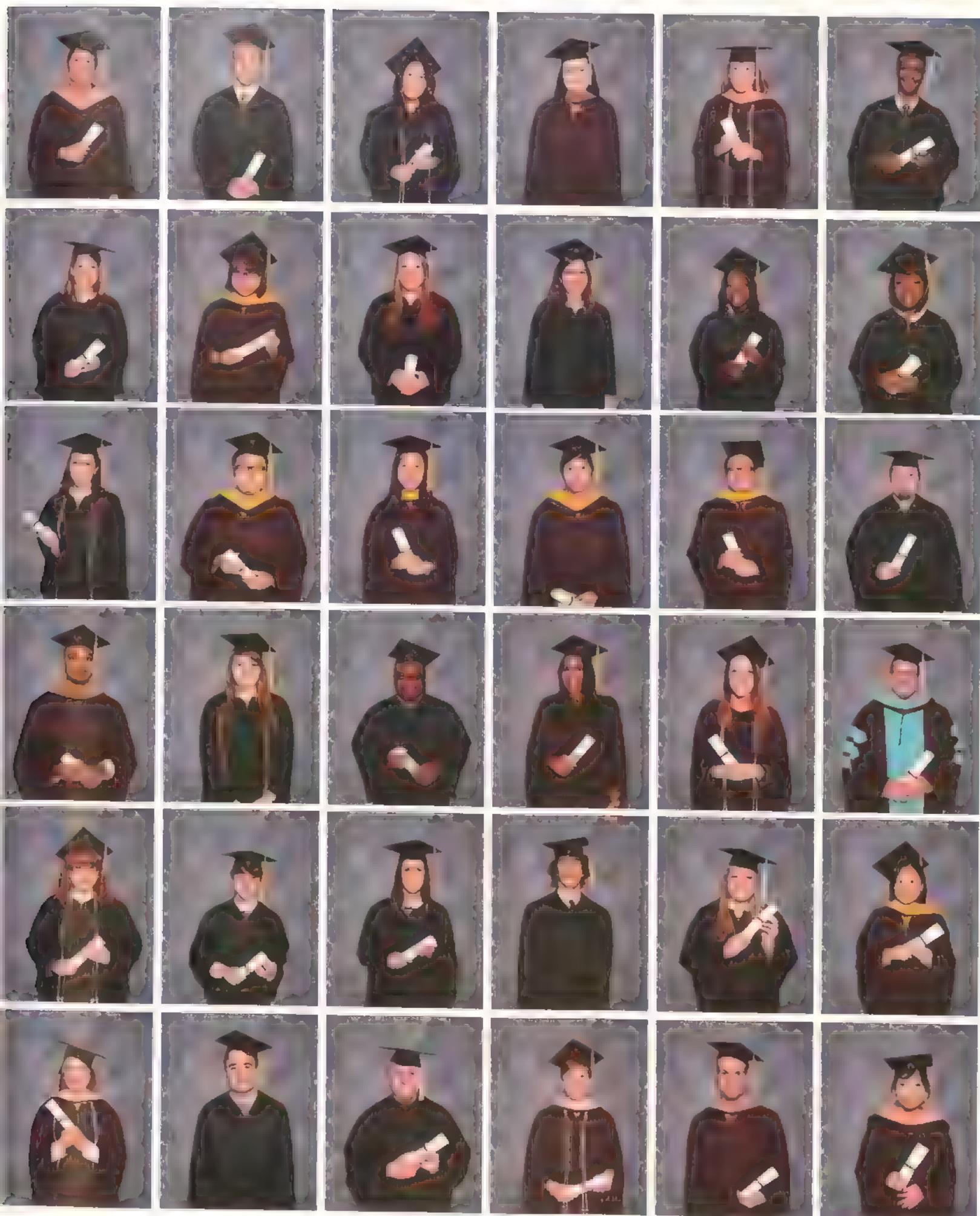
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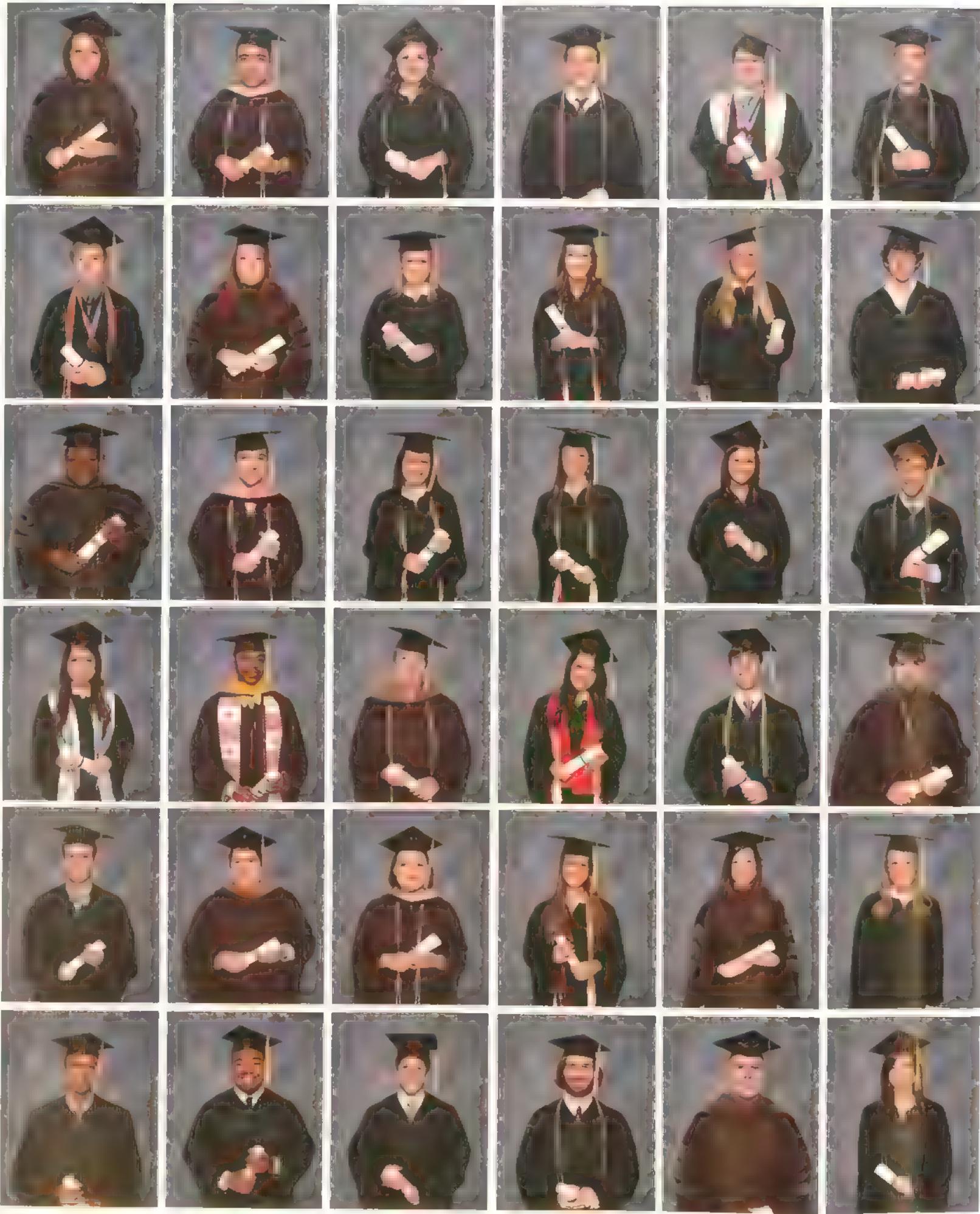
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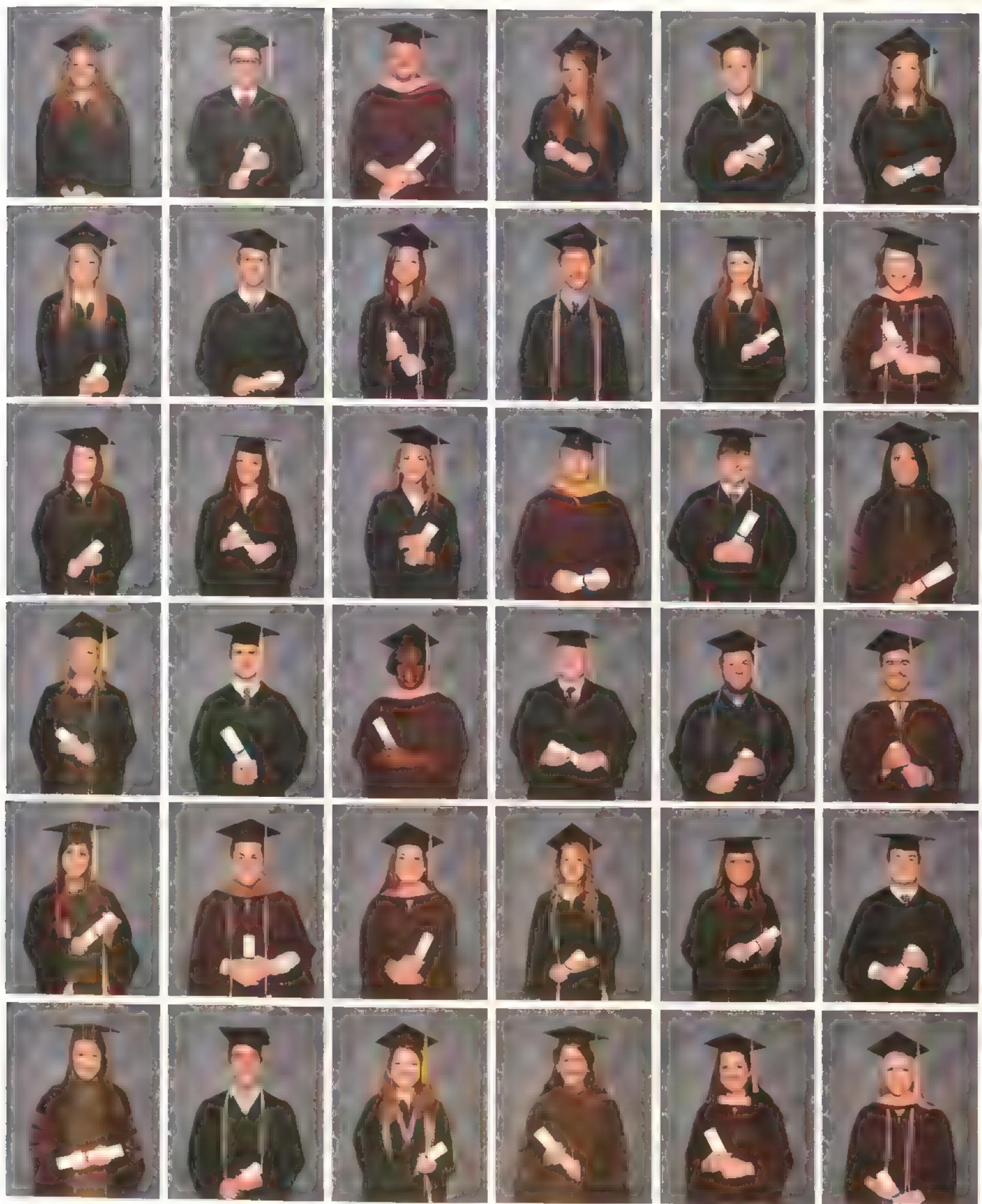


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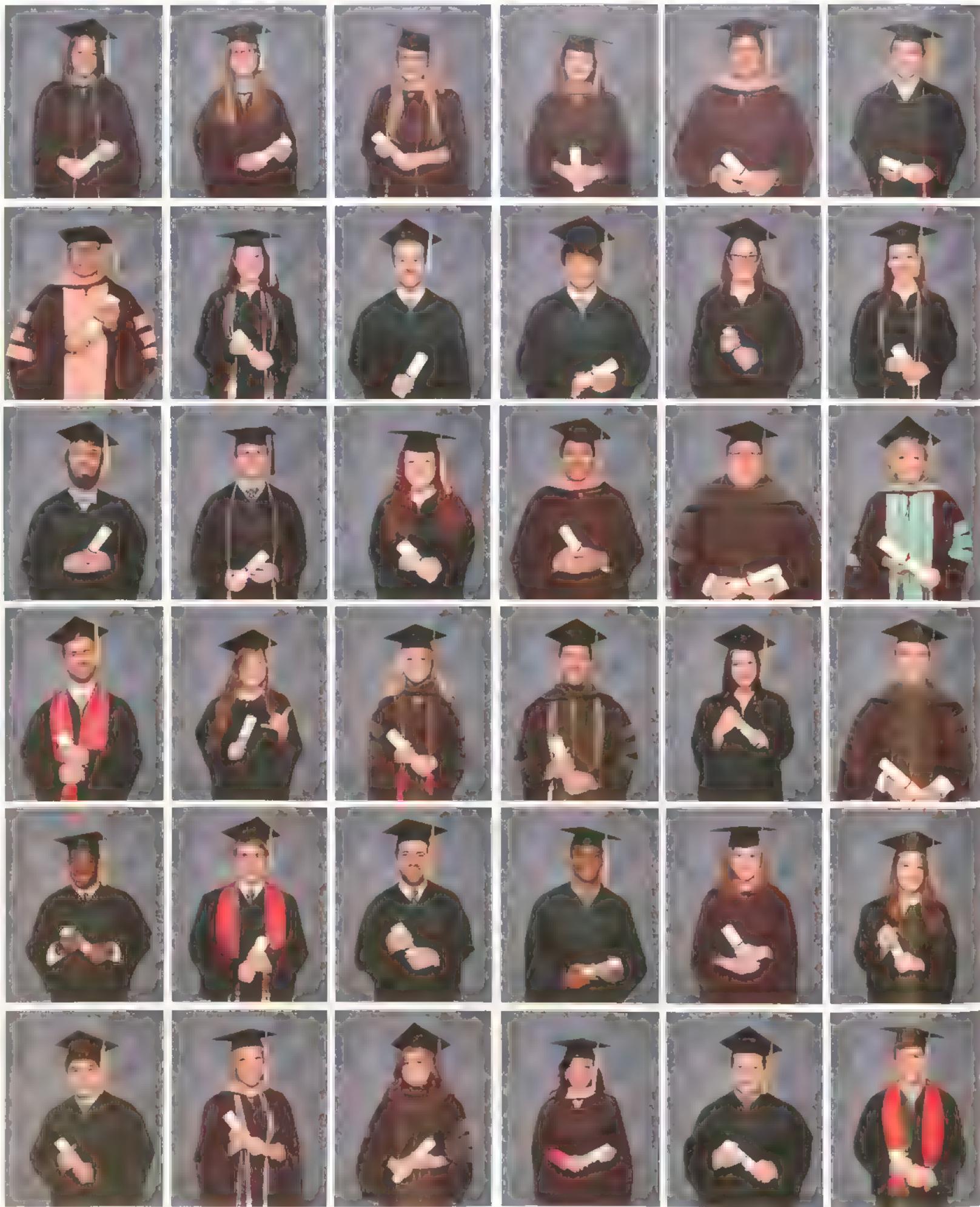
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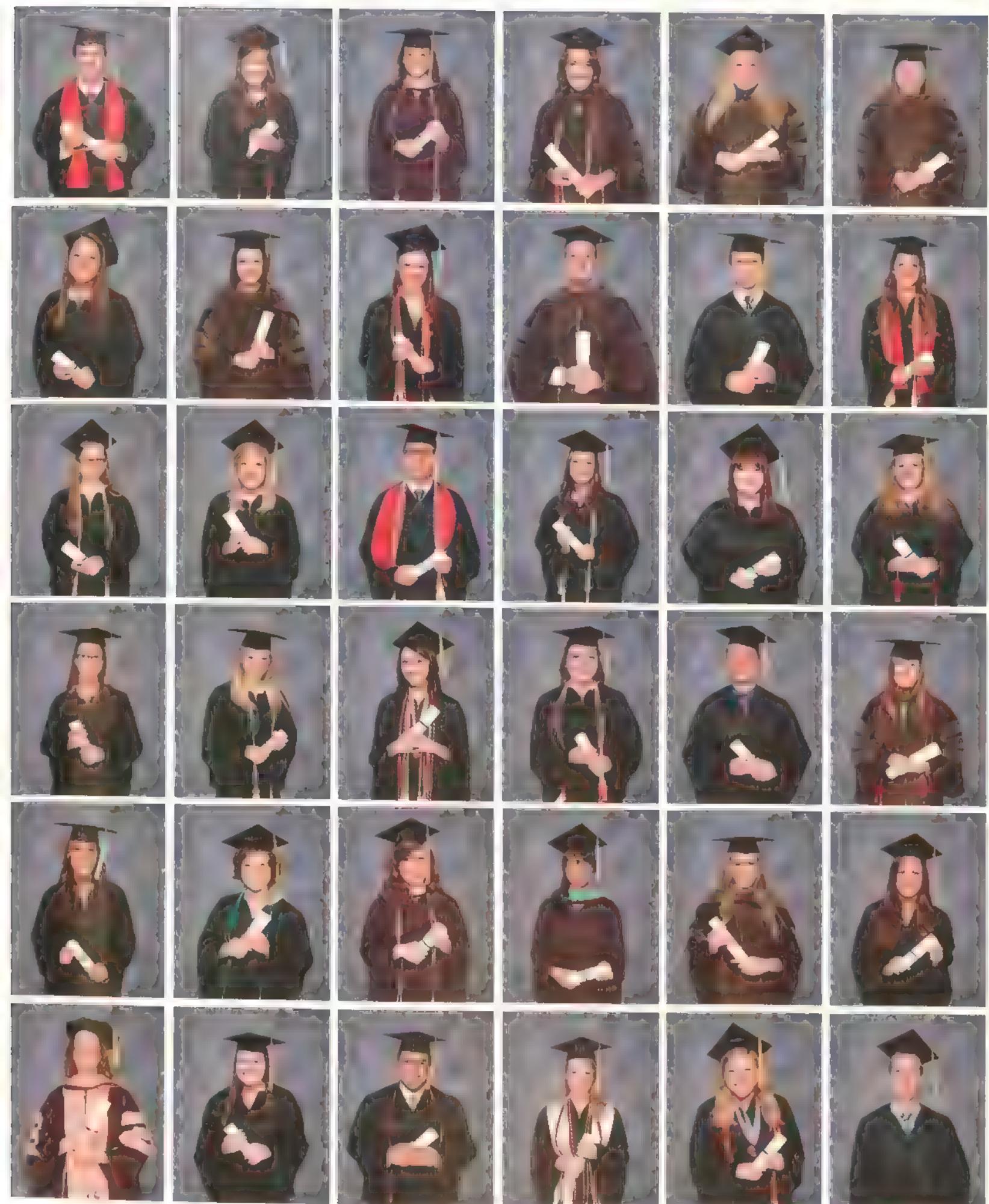








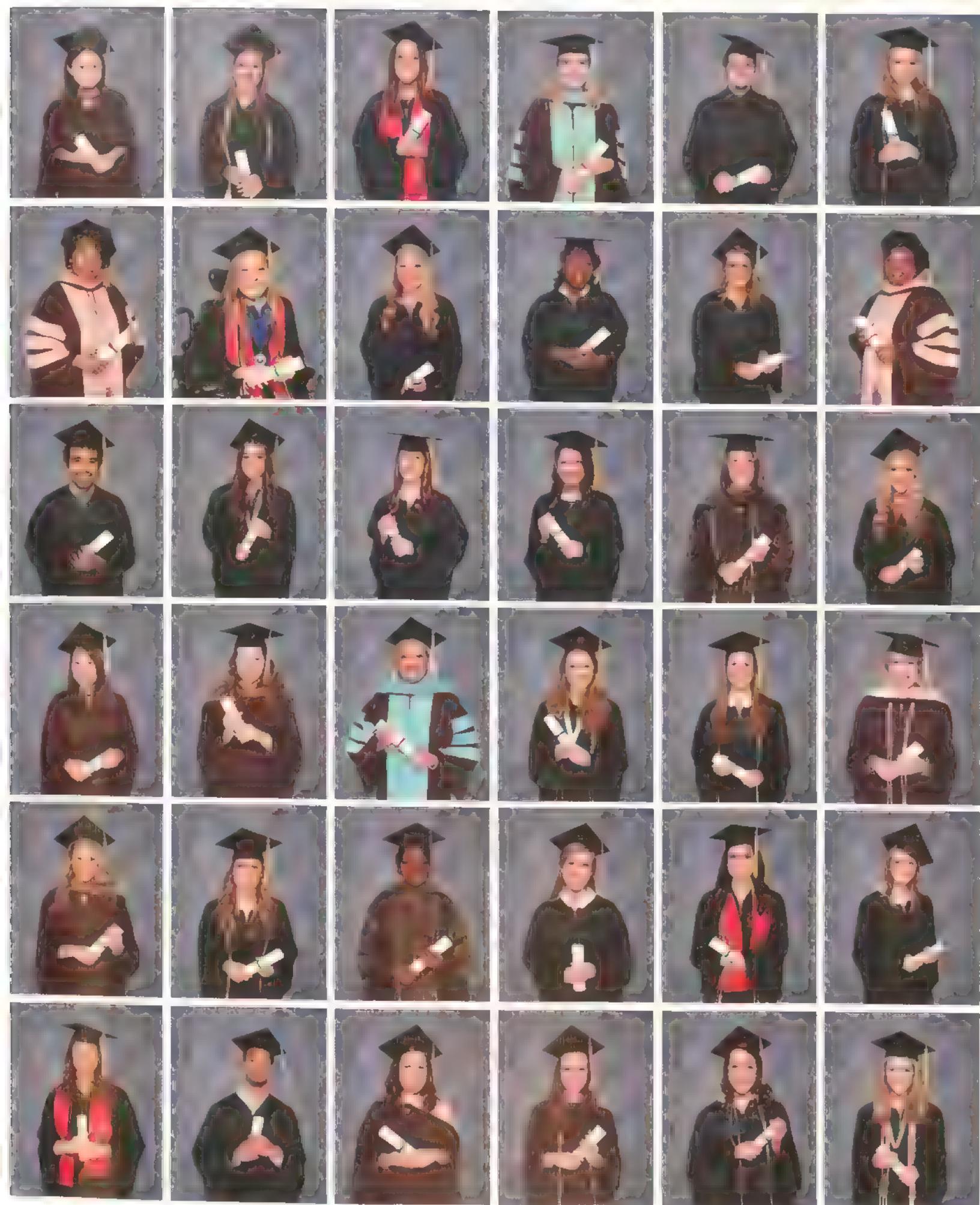








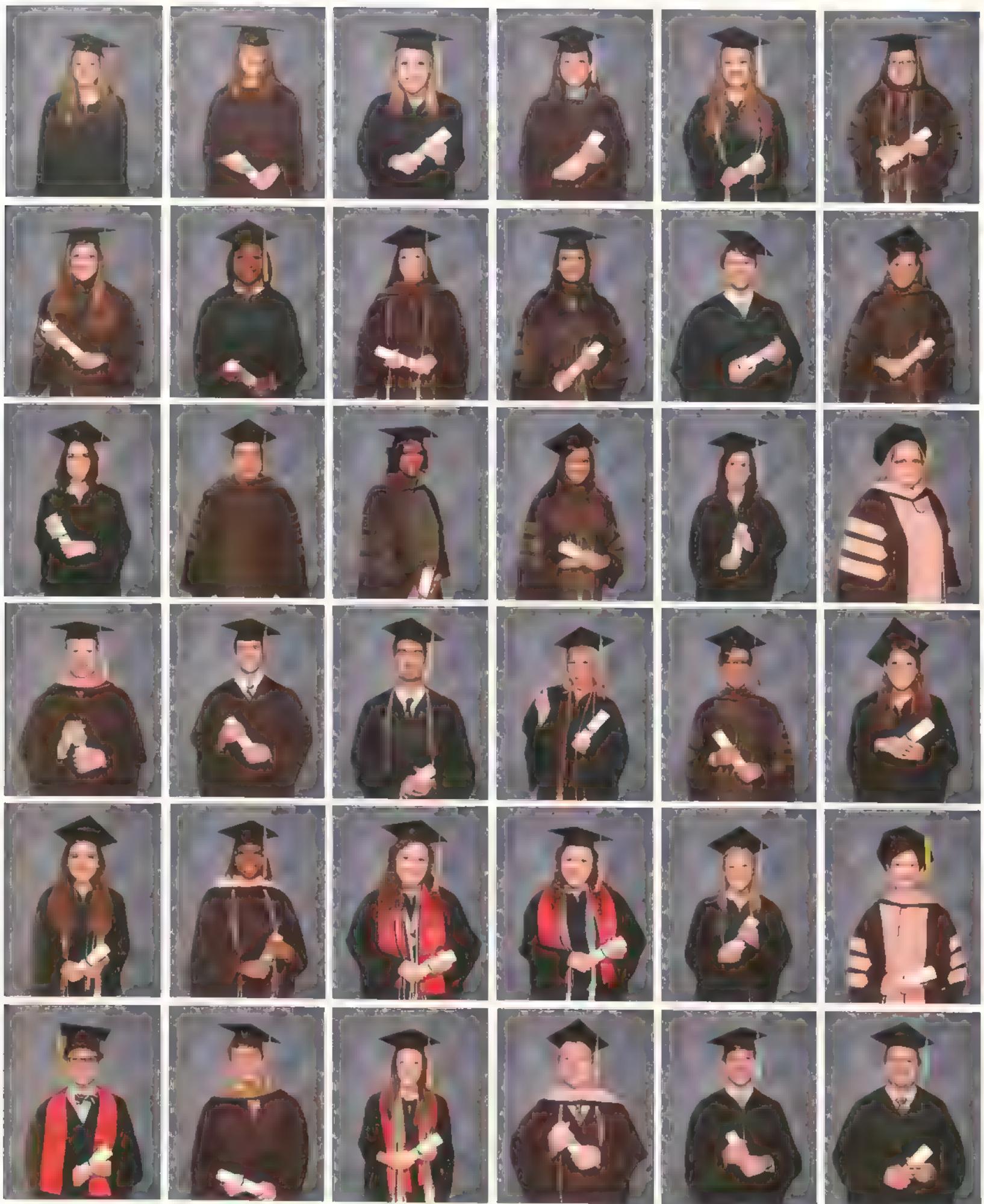


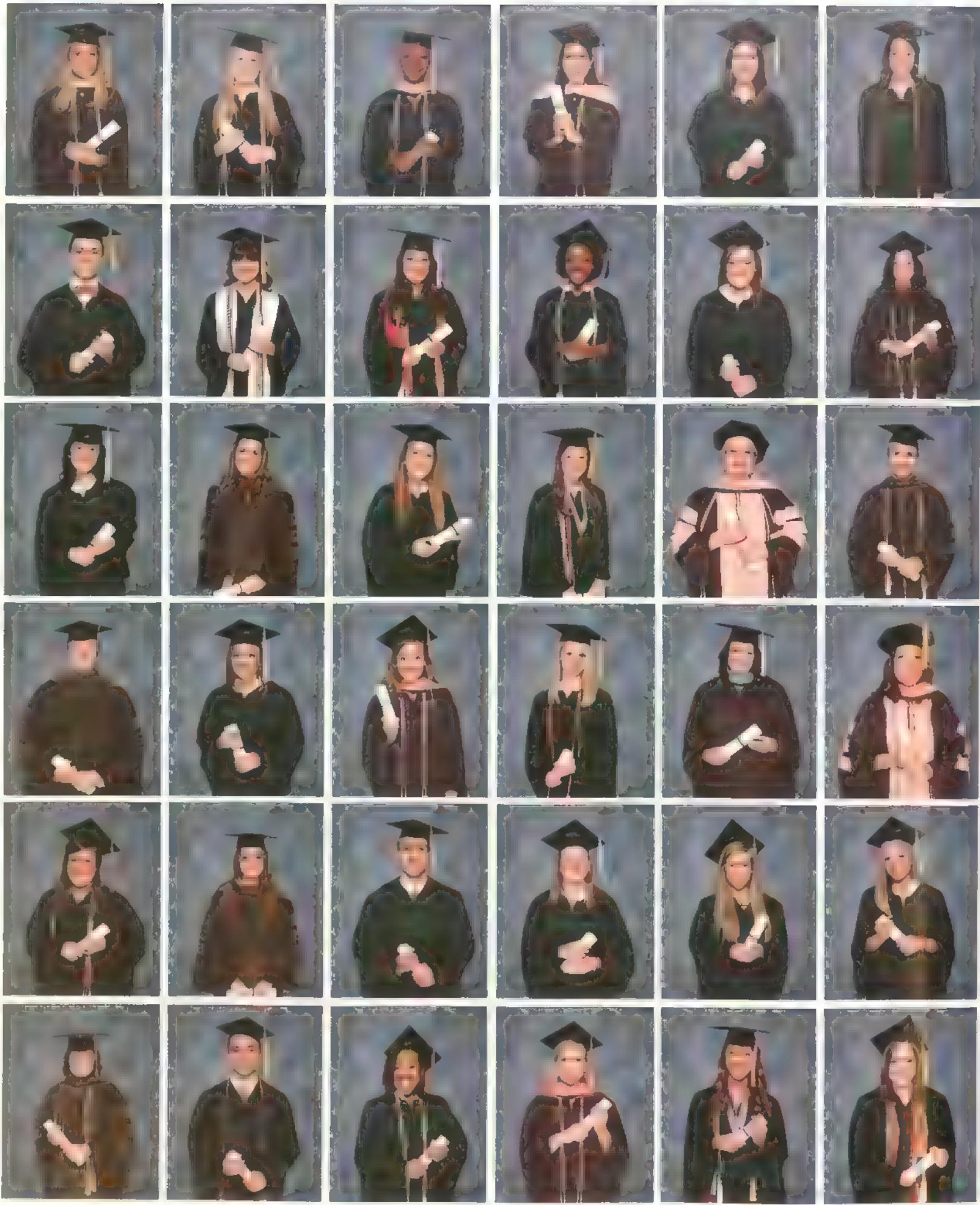










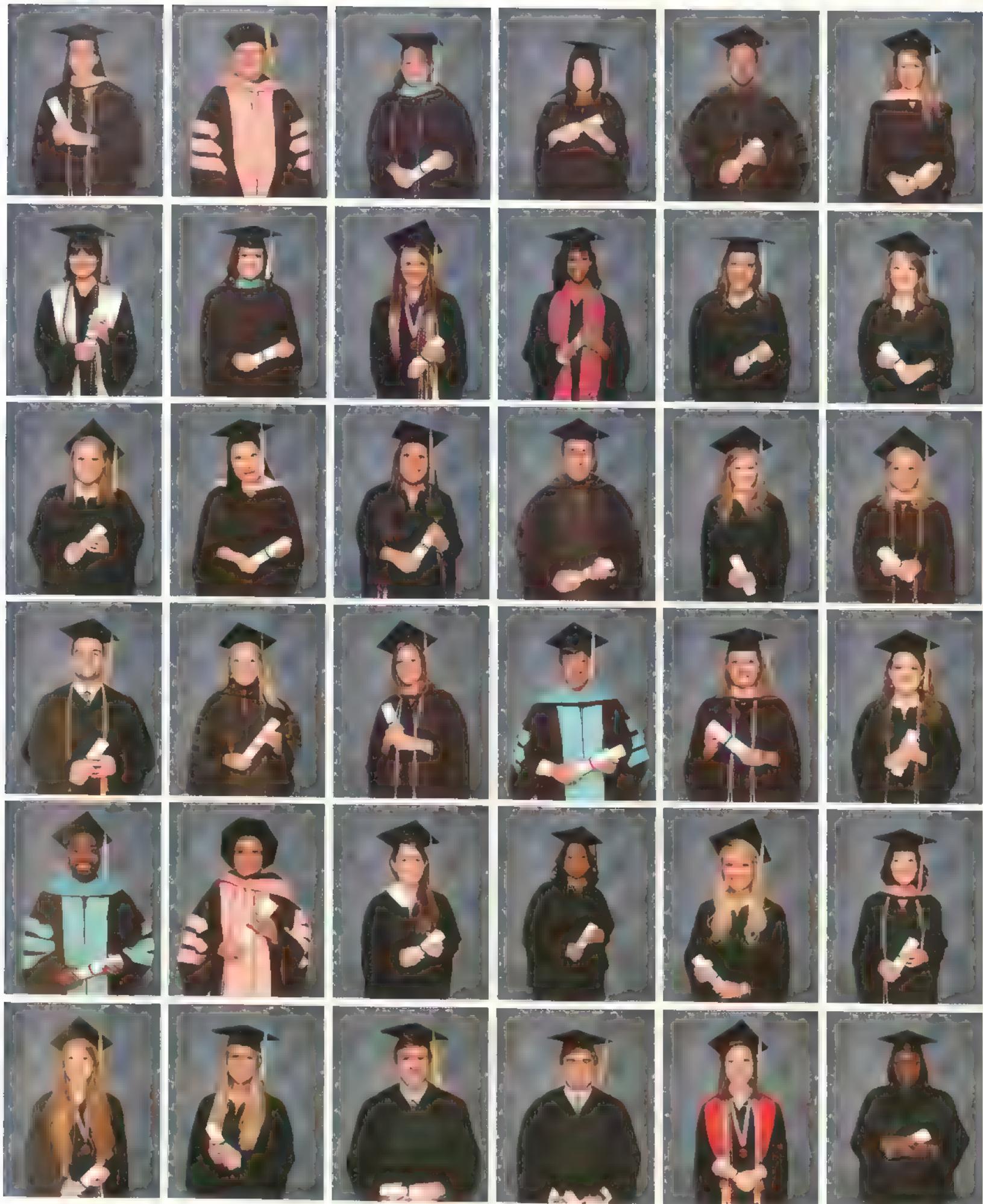














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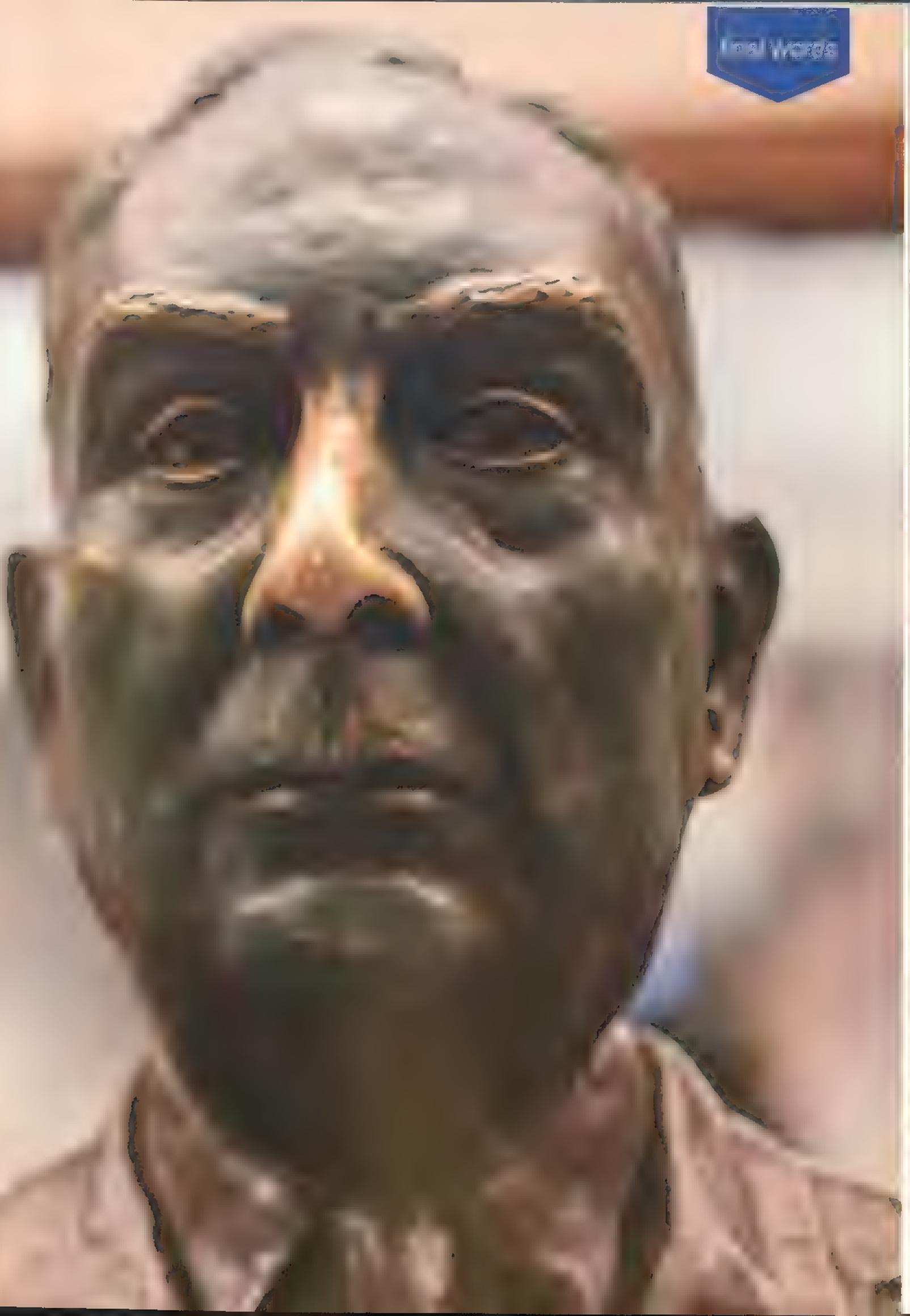


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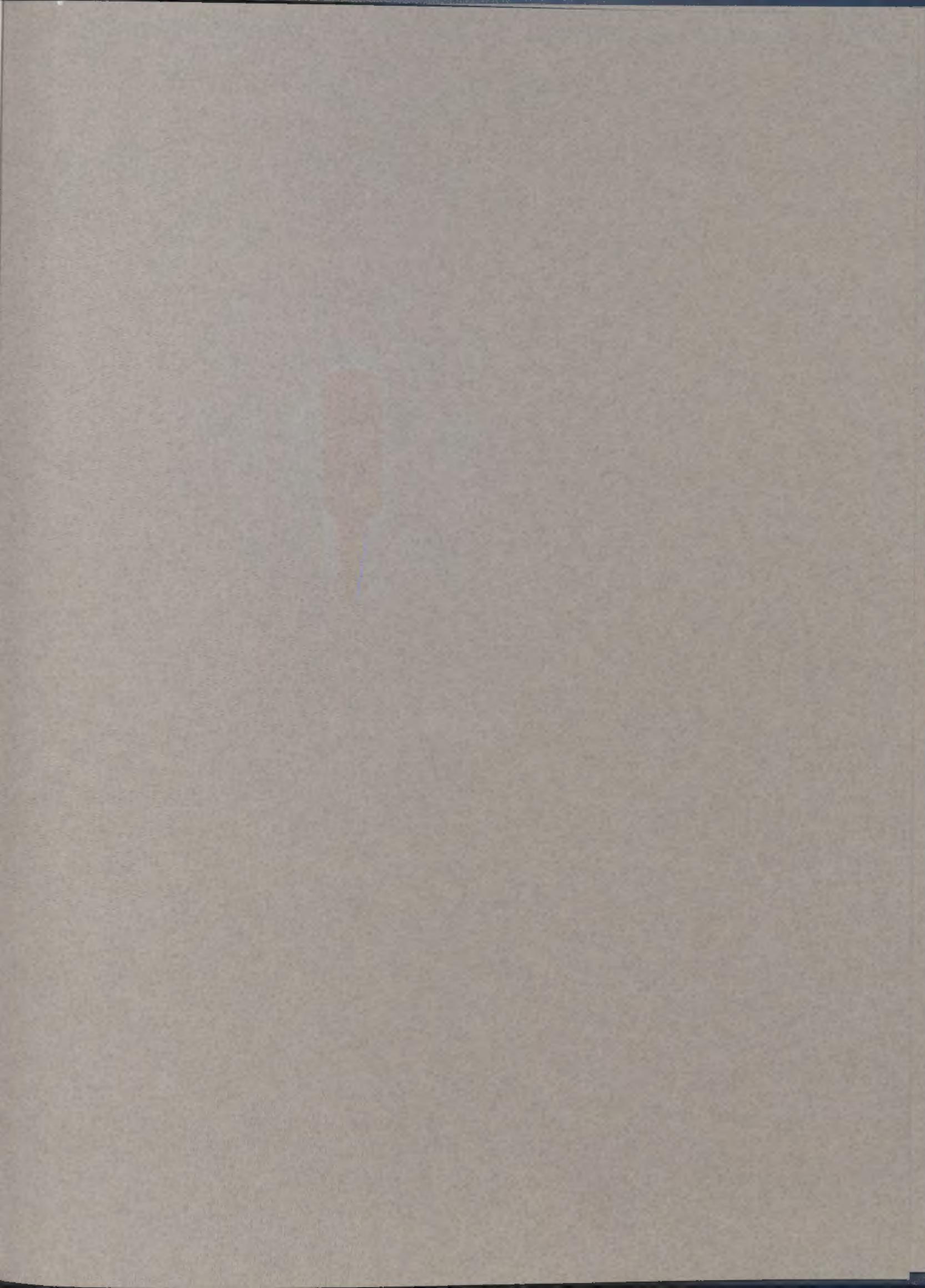
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